WEATHER.

Cloudy Monday and Tuesday, probably rain; warmer in east portions Monday, colder Tuesday.

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SPRING IS just around the corner. Announcements are already being read with unusual interest by lady shoppers.

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ANOTHER DAY PASSES WITHOUT A NEW MOVE IN SUBMARINE CRISIS

Lansing Believed Preparing Important Document Under the Guise of Taking a Rest.

WILSON SEES NO CALLERS

Release of American Prisoners Seized by German Raider Remains Unconfirmed.

INQUIRIES NOT ANSWERED

Two Americans Escape When British Sailing Ship is Sunk.

Washington, Feb. 25. — Pending the return of Secretary Lansing from his three-day stay at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, the generally accepted belief here is that no new move will be made by the government in the German crisis. In diplomatic quarters the opinion is almost universal that the secretary is devoting what has been officially described as a short vacation to important work. Some think he is framing a document to be used by President Wilson in connection with an address to Congress, others that he is preparing for what is regarded as the inevitable break with Austria-Hungary.

President Sees No Callers.

The President saw no callers today and left the White House only for an automobile ride with Mrs. Wilson.

There was no expression from the White House concerning the breaking of the Republican filibuster in the Senate, and officials continued to profess ingnorance on the question of whether the President would go to capital during the coming week to ask additional authority from Congress.

Official information about the release of the American prisoners of the Yarrowdale still is lacking. It has been nearly two months since these 72 seamen were taken into Germany. Their release was announced in press dispatches several days ago, but inquiries to the Spanish ambassador at Berlin have failed to bring confirmation.

A dispatch from London today to the State Department said two American sailors, Edward Ellis and John Handley, were in the crew of the British sailing ship Centurion, sunk by a submarine February 19, after being warned. The crew took to the boats and was rescued after 19 hours at sea. As the ship was warned and no lives were lost, no great importance is attached to the incident.

Despite the belief here that the severance of diplomatic relations between Germany and Holland has been brought a step nearer by recent wholesale destruction of Dutch shipping, it is considered virtually certain that for the present at least, The Netherlands government will go no further than to make a vigorous protest, possibly warning the Berlin government and informing it that it will be held responsible for the monetary loss involved. Holland is represented as feeling that the recent losses, while being tremendous, cannot compare with the damage that would be wrought should relations be severed or hostilities commenced.

No orders have been given to halt Dutch sips chartered to carry grain to Holland. Five vessels carrying grain for the government now are or soon will be in Halifax for insuection by British naval authorities. These vessels wil go from Halifax to a Norwegian port, where their commanders will await instructions. The Netherlands government is endeavoring to arrange with the German and British authorities for a route the ships may with safety take from the Norwegian port to Holland.

GERARD AND HIS PARTY LEAVE MADRID FOR CORUNNA

Duke of Zaragoza Volunteers to Drive Engine Pulling the Train.

London, Feb. 25.—Telegraphing from Madrid Sunday, Reuter's correspondent says that James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, Mrs. Gerard and the members of the embassy staff left the Spanish capital at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on a special train for Corunna, where the party will embark for the voyage to the United States.

The Duke of Zaragoza drove the engine, having volunteered for the task. Mr. Gerard, learning of this, asked for an introduction to the duke, with whom he chattered cordially before boarding the train.

Mme. Schumann-Heink Improved.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—The condition of Mme. Schumann-Heink, the operatic contralto, who sustined two broken ribs in a taxicab accident Friday night, is slightly improved, physicians anounced tonight. No internal injuries have developed.

EXPLAINS ATTACK ON 7 DUTCH SHIPS

German Legation Points Out That No Guarantees Had Been Given for February 22.

AND ONLY FOR MARCH 17

Berlin Lokal Anzeiger Expresses Deep Regret for the Incident But Puts the Blame on the British Admiralty.

The Hague, Feb. 25.—The statement issued yesterday by the German legation here to the effect that the torpedoing of the seven Dutch merchantmen was due "to an extremely regrettable coincidence of circumstances which is unfortunate, but was beyond our control," contains also an explanation, made it says, "to prevent erroneous impressions." It states that in view of the situation of Dutch vessels in English ports, the sailing time for these ships was first fixed for February 5, then for February 9, and then for midnight of February 10. Finally, "for reasons for which England was to blame," the sailing date was postponed to February 22 or March 17.

The only date of sailing for which absolute safety from submarines could be guaranteed was March 17, the statement says, as by that time all German submarines would have possessed instructions in regard to these vessels. Even th safety from mines could not be guaranteed, shippers having been warned on February 6 that the danger zone had been mined extensively. For the same reasons, the statement says, until March 5, relative security, meaning safety dependent on good fortune, will apply to the channel to the west of Denmark through which Dutch trans-Atlantic shipping must pass.

BERLIN NEWSPAPER PLACES THE BLAME ON ENGLAND

London, Feb. 25.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger expressed deep regret over the sinking of the Dutch vessels by German submarines, but says the sinkings were due to the British admiralty having refused to permit the departure of the vessels in accordance with the concessions Germany had made.

The Amsterdam Handelsblad, however, explains that the German naval attache at The Hague only communicated the concessions to Dutch ship owners three hours previous to the expiration of the time limit, when it was impossible to get instructions to England in time. Therefore, this newspaper says, Great Britain is blameless.

SINGLE U-BOAT IS SAID TO HAVE MADE THE ATTACKS

London, Feb. 25.—From Dutch sources the Reuter Telegram Company learns that it was the submarine U-3 which attacked all seven Dutch steamships

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EDWIN GOULD, JR., IS KILLED ON COON HUNT

Shot by His Own Gun When it Accidentally Explodes.

Fatal Accident Occured Early Yesterday Morning Near Jekyl Island, On Georgia Coast—Son of of New York Capitalist.

Brunswick, Ga., Feb. 25.—Edwin Gould, Jr., was instantly killed while hunting coons with a lone companion on Lathan's hammock near Jekyl Island early today. Reports here from Jekyl Island tonight say that young Gould was shot while attempting to club a coon with the old-style hammer shot gun that he used in preference to the new hammerless guns. The discharge of shot entered a groin when, it is believed, the hammer of his gun caught on a part of his clothing. Death was instantaneous.

The body was brought first to Jekyl Island and then to Brunswick and was started for New York this afternoon in the private car "Dixie" attached to a regular train. Edwin Gould, who was spending this winter on Jekyl Island, was at St. Augustine when the accident to his son occurred. He hurried to Savannah where he met the train bearing the body and proceeded with it to New York.

Mr. Gould, who was 23 years of age, went from Jekyl Island to Lathan's hammock in a canoe last night with Noyes Reynolds, of New York. When Mr. Reynolds saw that Mr. Gould was shot he hurried to Jekyl Island in a canoe and summoned help. On the return Mr. Gould's lifeless body was

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THREE STEAMERS WERE YESTERDAY SUNK BY U-BOATS

All Were Flying the British Flag, and the Loss in Tonnage Aggregates 8,020.

REVIEW OF THE WAR NEWS

British Continue Preparation for More Extensive Movement in France in Spring.

Three British steamers of an aggregate tonnage of 8,020 are the latest victims of German submarines, according to official reports issued in London and Paris.

The British troops in the Ancre region of France are reported by the London war office to have taken additional ground from the Germans, including the village of Serre and several important points farther east. In these operations ,although they were carried on over a wide front, only small bodies of troops were engaged and only slight opposition was met, but they are indicative of the plan of the British to continue their steady preparation for the more extensive movement in the spring.

Another raid was carried out by the British east of Vierstreat, Belgium. Here on a front of five hundred yards the British entered German trenches, inflicted heavy casualties on the occupants, destroyed dugouts and other works and took 55 prisoners.

The Germans near Ypres invaded British trenches under cover of a heavy bombardment, but later were ejected. Bombardments continue on the remainder of the front held by the French.

Isolated battles have taken place on the eastern front from northwestern Russia to the Carpathians, but neither of the belligerents has obtained any marked advantages. Small engagements also have been fought in Rumania, but the situation there remains unchanged.

In the Austro-Italian theatre the Austrians essayed infantry attacks at several points, but everywhere were repulsed, assording to Rome. Artillery duels continue all along this front.

A belated British official communication dealing with the fighting along the Tigris river shows that in addition to having occupied Turkish trenches over a front of nearly two thousand yards in the Sannaiyat region last week, the British troops also were able to cross to the left bank of the Tigris in the Shumran bend, west of Kut-El-Amara.

GERMANS SHORTENING LINE IN VALLEY OF THE ANCRE

London, Feb. 25.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France sends a description of how the Germans are shortening their line in the Ancre valley. He says the decision to do this evidently was arrived at some time ago and that the recent German activity during the long spell of hard frost meant that the Germans were stealthily withdrawing their guns and breaking up their ammunition dumps near the front line.

The correspondent adds that appar-

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SAYS THERE WILL BE NO COMMERCIAL WAR

Prominent German Says it Would be Nothing but Nonsense.

Points Out That All Nations Are Inter-Dependent Upon One Another. German Admiralty Satisfied With U-Boat War.

Berlin, Feb. 25 (via Sayville).—Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Line is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as declaring that continuation of hostilities among the belligerent countries after the war is not probable, as "it would be nonsense if the states would ruin each other economically after the military struggle."

"Germany and her allies," said Herr Ballin, "will after the war dispose of sufficient tonnage in order to recommence immediately exportation, on account of its importance with reference to German exchange. * * * Although certain commodities will no longer constitute a German monopoly, we will have new articles for export.

"It can hardly be supposed that actual hatred will after the war impede the recommencement of foreign trade, since all nations are inetr-dependent upon each other. I am absolutely sure there will be no commercial war. All the belligerents will be able rapidly to replace their lost tonnage. England will be able to reconstruct it within two years and this period also will be sufficient for us.

"Our admiralty is most satisfied with the result of the submarine war. Our success cannot be measured by the number of ships sunk; the most important point is to cut off traffic between America and England."

GERMANS AT SOME POINTS RETIRE AS MUCH AS 3 MILES

British Capture Four Villages in Forward Movement Along the Front in France.

DRAWING NEARER BAPAUME

Associated Press Correspondent Writes of Successful Drive Started on Saturday.

British Headquarters In France, Feb. 25 (via London, Feb. 26.)—(From the Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press.)—On one portion of the British front at least, the war today became a war of movement. Under cover of fog and mist, which have been particularly heavy in the past 48 hours, the Germans carried out the greatest retirement they have made on the western front in the last two years, and the British have swept into possession of Pys, Serre, Miraumont and Petit Miraumont, including the famous Butte De Warlencourt, which has been the scene of some of the fiercest fighting of the war and in places is deep with the bones of dead men.

The exact position of the German retirement is not known tonight but it is estimated that it approaches a depth of the miles at some points. British patrols are out in all directions, harassing the Germans and keeping in touch with their movements. Until they report it will not be possible to say just where the Germans have determined to fix their next line of resistance.

Nevertheless, it can be stated that the British now are or soon will be in position possibly to force the evacuation of Bapaume which has been the key to the German position since the beginning of the battle of the Somme. The points which already have fallen into the British hands have stood out in the history of the fighting on this front and had been most stubbornly defended. Only a week ago when the British attacked on a two-mile front east and south of Miraumont and Pys the German resistance was bitter and the high ground desired was won only after desperate hand-to-hand encounters and the taking of more than 800 Germans prisoners.

The British had been waiting for a clearing of the foggy weather before pressing the advance but meantime it is apparent that the German high command decided to retire without any further fighting to strong positions prepared well to the rear. Friday night fires were observed in the German front line trenches. They were only dimly visible through the thick mist of the particularly black night, but it was discovered that the flames issued from burning German dugouts. Patrols sent forward reported the evacuation of the German outposts. Similar reports came from north of the Ancre, and by nightfall yesterday the British had established themselves in Petit Miraumont and advanced all along the line, meeting only with

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FOUR ARE KILLED IN DOUBLE TRAIN WRECK

Many Freight and Express Cars Burned on the Pennsylvania.

Express Train on New York Division of the Road Crashes Into Ten Cars of Freight, Which Had Been Derailed.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Four persons were killed and three injured, two seriously, in a double wreck on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad near Bristol, Pa., early today. All of the victims, with the exception of J. R. King, an engineer, were attendants in charge of two cars of thoroughbred horses being shipped from Center Hall and Williamsport, Pa. Seven of the horses were killed. The wreckage caught fire and many freight and express cars were destroyed. All four tracks were blocked for 12 hours.

Ten cars of a westbound freight train were derailed and strewn along the adjoining tracks, when an approaching eastbound train, consisting entirely of express cars, crashed into the wreckage.

JAPANESE CARTRIDGE-MAKING MACHINERY REACHES MEXICO

Two Hundred Japanese Experts to Set It Up and Operate It.

Mexico City, Feb. 25.—The cartridge making machinery purchased from Japan has been unloaded at Manzanillo from the steamer Kotchiro Maru and will soon be put in operation. Two hundred Japanese experts accompanied the shipments in order to set up the machinery and operate it. It is believed that the government shortly will purchase machinery for the manufacture of artillery ammunition.

AMERICAN SHIPS MAY BECOME CRUISERS.

Liner St. Louis discharging cargo intended for Europe. The American line sees no prospect of sailing its four transatlantic liners—the St. Louis, St. Paul, New York and Kroenland—except as auxiliary cruisers of the United States navy. Their crews are being paid off, the cargo of the St. Louis is being discharged. The United States mail she was under contract to carry has been long since sent forward by a British vessel, and the loading of the three other vessels of the line has been indefinitely postponed. When they next leave this port, the officials of the line believe, it will be as auxiliaries. The passenger and freight traffic of the American line from this side of the Atlantic is suspended. The Philadelphia of the same line, will be tied up along with her sister ships.

TRYING TO DEFEAT REED AMENDMENT

Claude Kitchin Gives This as One of the Motives Behind Republican Filibuster.

OPPOSE A "BONE DRY" LAW

Prohibition Leaders in Washington Not Enthusiastic Over Measure —Would Place Many Banks Out of Business.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—One of the motives behind the Republican filibuster now being conducted in both branches of Congress by the old guard republican leaders is to defeat the Reed "bone dry" amendment to the Postoffice appropriation, said Majority Leader Claude Kitchin to The Star correspondent tonight.

"There are some Republicans," said he, "who are really sincere in their opposition to the increased pay for government clerks, but there are others who are conducting the filibuster in order that the Reed amendment to the Postoffice appropriation bill may fail to become a law."

"There are men at both ends of the capitol" said Mr. Kitchin, "who are ready to see all appropriation bills fail to defeat the amendment in the Postoffice appropriation which they themselves put in."

It will be seen, therefore, if the Republicans continue their filibuster, and they declare they will, the attempt to have real prohibition in what is now termed prohibition states, but in fact does not prohibit, will fail. There are two very good reasons, too, why the Reed amendment will fail. In the very first place the prohibition leaders here in Washington at least, are not enthusiastic for the passage of the Reed amendment. If they put forth the real effort which they have demonstrated they can, and which they have, in other attempts at alleged prohibition, they can force the Republican members to abandon their filibuster and allow the bill to pass. But, they are not doing so now and there is extreme doubt that they will make such an attempt.

The second reason is the advocates of rum have now wakened to the realization that the passage of the prohibition amendment as offered by Senator Reed of Missouri and which has passed both Houses of Congress means a death blow to many of the largest liquor concerns in the country. The State of Kentucky alone, it is said, will lose over $10,000,000 on whiskey now stored in Louisville and other cities in Kentucky for no other purpose than to sell to States who have prohibition laws but allows the shipment into the State for personal use.

The liquor dealers and manufacturers have taken stock and they now realize that the Reed amendment must be defeated or postponed in order that the mail order houses may have an opportunity to "unload" some of the stock now held in storage. They are being helped too, b ymany people who are

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SAYS NO ONE IS GOING TO STARVE

Governor Whitman Says Such Talk is Foolish—People Will Have to Economize.

NO FOOD RIOTS YESTERDAY

However, No Relief For the Poorer Householders of New York City Seems Yet to be In Sight.

New York, Feb. 25.—Food riots which have disturbed this city for several days were not in evidence today, but no immediate relief for the poorer householders, who are feeling the pinch most keenly, seemed in sight.

A statement issued by the department of health ascribed the high prices to increased exportation of foodstuffs and lack of intelligent economy on the part of housewives in making purchases. Governor Whitman also issued a statement in which he said no one was going to starve and that it was foolish to assert that anyone has to starve.

"The people simply have got to eat what they can afford to eat," he continued. "So far as I have been able to see, the situation is really a local one. While prices are unquestionably higher everywhere, I found no condition in Buffalo or Rochester last week resembling the one in New York.

Housewives who attended a mass meeting of the Mothers' Anti-High Price League on the East Side today declared they would keep their children from the schools "if they do not give us enough to feed them." The meeting ended with the appointment of a committee of 25 to device ways and means of relieving the present situation.

FIFTEEN MINERS KILLED AS RESULT OF SNOWSLIDE

Fifteen Others Injured, Some Seriously. Three Persons Missing.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 25.—Fifteen men were instantly killed, fifteen injured, some seriously, and three are missing as a result of a snowslide late last night at the North Star mine near Hailey, Idaho.

Nine bodies had been recovered tonight, six were missing, and probably dead, and fifteen were injured, some seriously.

Fearing a second slide across the canyon all rescue crews were ordered to stop work late today.

Boycott Kosher Beef.

Cincinnati, Feb. 25.—A boycott on all Kosher butcher shops in this city to take effect next Wednesday was declared tonight by an executive committee appointed at a mass meeting of Jewish people, held earlier in the day.

CONGRESS ENTERS ITS FINAL WEEK ALMOST SWAMPED

Danger of Republican Efforts to Force an Extra Session Has Not Disappeared.

LAY ASIDE NUMEROUS BILLS

Leaders Virtually Concede Failure of Nearly All Important General Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 25.—With the Republican filibuster in the Senate against revenue legislation broken late last night after one of the most tempestuous sessions of recent years, the Sixty-fourth Congress tomorrow will enter upon its final week still facing extraordinary legislative congestion.

Republican leaders who had threatened to defeat the emergency revenue bill by dilatory tactics agreed to a final vote on the measure next Wednesday night, when confronted with the Democratic determination to hold the Senate in continuous session. Danger of further efforts to force an extra session has not disappeared, however, for some of the minority insist that the President should be forced to summons the sixty-fifth Congress to be on hand for eventualities in the European crisis.

When the Republicans made peace with the desperate majority over the $400,000,000 revenue and bond bill and agreed that appropriation measures might be considered by unanimous consent between now and Wednesday night, some of the minority leaders frankly confessed to the belief that the action would avoid necessity for an extra session. Among senators who held this view was Senator Smoot, acting minority leader. Senators Lodge and Borah and others would not concede this although they admitted that circumstances might develop during the week which would clear the situation materially.

Administration Leaders Jubilant

Administration leaders, notwithstanding the possibility of further obstructive tactics interfering with the great army and navy appropriation measures and the sundry civil appropriation bill, were jubilant today over the breaking of the revenue filibuster and expressed conviction that all difficulties yet to arise may be ironed out in the strenuous closing hours of the session. Whether President Wilson is to go before Congress before adjournment to discuss the relations between the United States and Germany, leaders frankly state they do not know. Many of them expect that he will, but do not profess to know what he will ask.

An indication of the feeling of some of the Republicans following the heated discussion yesterday of their complaints of lack of forceful action on the part of the government to protect American shipping interests against the German submarine blockade, came in the introduction of a bill by Senator Fall, of New Mexico, which would authorize the President to use the armed forces of the nation to protect the commerce, property and lives of citizens of the United States. It was referred to the foreign relations committee, but whether anything will come from the resolution is doubtful, as administration leaders will do nothing with it until the President is heard from on the issue. There is certain to be further discussion, however, before the gavel signals the end of the Congress on March 4.

Money Bills Must Fail.

That nearly all pending general legislation so long urged by the President must fail at this session now is practically conceded by everyone. If the appropriation measures still pending get through, that is all that the most sanguine Democrats expect. Substitution of a lump appropriation for the rivers and harbors bill is almost conceded. The public buildings bill is generally admitted to be dead. The flood control bill will be talked to death tomorrow in the five hours allotted to it.

Railroad labor legislation, the corrupt practices and conservation bills all have practically no chance even for consideration. There is doubt also that the bills amending the Federal Reserve law and the shipping board act, extending the powers of the shipping board for emergency purposes, will be passed.

In view of the probable failure of all these important measures, there are some Democratic senators who cling to a persistently expressed relief that the Sixty-fifth Congress will be summoned in extraordinary session, no matter what develops with relation to Germany. But with no word from the White House on this phase of the situation, discussion of future possibilities is entirely speculative.

Prohibition for the National capital, appropriations, food prices, and increased pay for government employes will figure in the final legislative drive in the House. Of appropriation measures the House has yet to pass only the sundry civil bill, now pending, and the military academy and general deficiency bills, which can be put through in quick time. There may be an attempt to finally defeat the $400,000 appropriation for a Federal Trade Commission inquiry into food prices, which the House in committee of the whole, wrote into the sundry civil bill last night.

Soon Vote On Prohibition

The Senate bill for prohibition in the capital will come up for a vote in the

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LEGISLATURE HAS MUCH WORK AHEAD

Morning, Afternoon and Night Sessions Contemplated for This Last Week of Session.

CITY GOVERNMENT BILLS

These Constitute Biggest Task Ahead of the General Assembly—Prison Probe to be Reported—Boiler Inspectors.

(BY W. J. MARTIN)

Reltigh, N. C., Feb. 25.—Morning, afternoon and night sessions promise to be the order of the day with both branches of Legislature as the week advances, this being the last week of the sixty days to which the State constitution limits the sessions of the General Assembly. There is a vast deal of work that must be crowded into the week, but those experienced in the progress of the work of former legislatures insist that this Legislature is no more behind than is generally the case for the last week of a session. Indeed, there is comparatively little congestion of the calendars.

The biggest task the Legislature faces is the perfection of the enabling acts for the government of cities and towns and incorporated villeges, under the consitutional amendments. Leaders say that these bills will both have separate day roll call votes in each House and to give these without danger of default through lack of quorum ,they must reach the hands of one or the other branches of the Legislature for second reading Tuesday. This is the program now.

It is quite probable that Monday in committee hearing there will be a consolidation of the program and the Brenizer bill into one measure to cover the whole scope of financial and civic control and then put this consolidation bill through without further delay. The biggest block to progress has been the section as to the annexation of suburban territory by towns. But, this will be settled by the joint committee in executive session Monday or Tuesday, after a tentative ruling is received from the Supreme Court, and the whole bill gotten ready for immediate passage.

Report on Prison Probe.

The report of the joint committee for the investigation of the States prison farm and its management is expected to come in by the middle of the week, and dominant members of the committee indicate that the net result of the investigation will be that there will be insistence upon better buildings for the care and control of the convicts, a change that the prison management has been pleading for a long time.

Members of the committee say that the proposed abolition of corporal punishment is out of the question, as that is essential for the control of many of the negroes and depraved white men, too, who find their way into the prison.

The committee will insist that there must be adequate, conveniently arranged and sanitary stockades with ample bathing and other sanitary facilities that the management will be required to keep in thorough condition.

Revenue and Machinery Bills.

The House will concur Monday in the Senate amendments to the revenue bill and this will be enrolled and ratified at once. The machinery bill will probably come in the House Monday, having few departures from the act in force the past two years, and this will receive immediate passage in both houses, separate day readings not being required.

The Stubbs and Doughton bills for emergency judges are both pending in the House and will be up early in the week. The Stubbs bill proposes to provide two emergency judges, one to have partial assignment of time for holding the courts of Forsythe county as a special district and the other to hold the courts for a new district to be made of Martin and adjacent counties, which now have congested calendars. For the remainder of their time they would be at the disposal of the Governor to hold courts in any section of the State.

The Doughton bill merely proposes to provide two emergency judges to be under the direction of the Governor in holding special terms and in substitution for any judges that may be sick and unable to fill any appointment for a court on the regular calendar.

The bill which has passed the House to create the office of boiler inspector and provided for the inspection of boilers throughout the State is to come up as a special order in the Senate Monday and is expected to pass.

FISH AND OYSTERS SUPPLY IS NOT SO SCARCE NOW

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 25.—The advance of warmer weather in this section of the State has had the effect of putting a crimp into the fish and oyster famine which has been in evidence in this section for the past month and the quantity of fish and lucious bivalves now being brought into the local port is growing larger each day.

Although the supply of oysters is becoming larger each day, the extreme cold weather has greatly affected their quality and that luscious taste is now noticeable on account of its absence. The oystermen say this will return as the water grows warmer.

DEATH NEAR LUMBERTON

Thirteen-Year-Old Son of Mr. McGougan Prevatt Died Yesterday

(By Long Distance Telephone).

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 25.—Vance McGougan Prevatt, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. McGougan Prevatt, residing seven miles from town, died this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after an illness of nine days with pneumonia. The funeral will be conducted from the home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be in the family burying ground. The father of the little boy is so ill with pleurisy that he had not been able to see him since Friday.

WARREN DENIES HE IS TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Report "Unfounded, Groundless, and is, in Fact, a Myth."

Doesn't Want The Office, But His Friends Would Like to See Him in It—Abernethy Only Craven Candidate.

(Special Star Correspondence)

New Bern, Feb. 25.—"You may say for me that the report sent out from Goldsboro on Friday to the effect that I would be in the race for Congress from the Third District at the next election is absolutely unfounded, groundless and is, in fact, a myth." That was the statement made today by Hon. Thomas D. Warren, chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee, when shown the report in question.

"Somebody has been dreaming," was another comment made by him and he left the impression that the Goldsboro correspondent had either been given a wrong tip or else was totally unfamiliar with existing conditions.

Chairman Warren has no intention of making the race for Congress from the Third Distrnct. He doesn't want the office, although there is no doubt of the fact that many of his friends would like to see him there, and will certainly not enter the race at the next election.

Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy is the only candidate in Craven county that has announced his intention to run against Congressman Hood and he is letting no grass grow under his feet, in fact he is working night and day and if he doesn't land the job it will not be due to lack of effort on the part of himself or his friends.

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Thursday. Three were torpedoed outright, while German sailors boarded the other four and placed bombs that were exploded. So far as known, these four vessels did not sink, but their location has not been ascertained, with the exception of one, the Menado, which was towed into harbor by a British trawler.

The crews of the Dutch vessels rowed to the Scilly Isles, believing that all their ships had been sunk.

HOLLAND WILL HAVE TO KILL MUCH OF HER CATTLE

The Hague, (via London,) Feb. 25.—A large amount of fodder was on board of some of the Dutch merchantmen torpedoed on Thursday. In consequence it will be necessary to kill a large part of Holland's cattle.

Detention at foreign ports of Dutch vessels laden with Chilean salt petre and other fertilizers is causing alarm, it being feared that this year's harvest will be retarded seriously.

BERLIN ISSUES AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE SINKINGS

Berlin, Feb. 24 (via Sayville, Feb. 25).—An official statement with reference to the sinking of the Dutch steamers by a German submarine is given out through the medium of the Overseas News Agency as follows:

"According to telegrams received from Holland, on February 22 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, several Dutch ships were destroyed which, with the agreement of Germany, wanted to leave the barred zone in a westward direction from Falmouth and Dartmouth.

"In answer to this ,it is stated in authoritative quarters that after the declaration of the barred zone. Dutch ship owners asked the British authorities to permit 33 steamers lying at Falmouth and Dartmouth, of which twenty were loaded with grain for the Dutch government, to proceed out of the barred zone, which were still there after the expiration of the time fixed (by Germany), February 5.

"The German authorities agreed to this, making an exception in order to let the twenty cargoes of grain reach the Dutch government, but the condition was added that the ships ought not to sail later than midnight February 10-11. In this way the ships would have been able to leave in all safety the barred zone within the extended time, which was known to all submarines, and the termination of the period, February 12-13.

"The Dutch ship owners accepted this offer, but were for unquestionable reasons unable to get their ships out of English ports within the allotted time. They renewed their request for permission to sail later and were informed that the vessels could leave Dartmouth and Falmouth either. In full safety on March 17 or, with only relative safety, on February 22 by an indicated route.

"Eighteen the ships decided to sail on February 22, traveling together. Word reached Berlin on February 16 of this intention, and thereupon the ship owners were expressly informed that unconditional safety could not be granted for February 22 as there was no certainty that all the submarines engaged in the waters to be traversed would receive the wireless order. At the same time it was insisted that outside the indicated course no guarantee whatever would be given with respect to the danger of mines.

"Apparently, eight ships finally took upon themselves the risk of the trip. If the Dutch news is correst that these eight ships were destroyed—one is said to have struck a mine near the English coast, while the other seven on the afternoon of February 22 were destroyed on the course indicated—it is to be deeply regretted, but the responsibility falls upon the ship owners, who preferred to send their ships under only comparative security on February 22, instead of waiting until March 17, at which time full safety had been promised.

"The report of our submarines has not yet arrived."

Magee Accepts Terms

Boston, Feb. 25.—Sherwood R. Magee, outfielder of the Boston Nationals, has accepted the club's terms, it was announced tonight, a reduction from $6,500 a year for the last three seasons, to $4,200. Fred Allen, a pitcher, also signed at lower figures. Walter Maranville, shortstop, is the principal remaining holdout.

Cassie Hurley
Hawaiian dances—Royal Today.
(advertisement.)

TO ORGANIZE THE NATION'S WOMEN FOR WAR SERVICE

Plans Laid at Meeting Attended by Baker, Daniels and McAdoo.

Washington, Feb. 25. — Nation-wide movement to organize women for war service was planned here today at a mass meeting called by the National American Woman Suffrage Association, addressed by Secretary Baker and attended by Secretaries Daniels and McAdoo. A note adopted by the executive council of the association to be sent to President Wilson, says:

"We devoutly hope and pray that our country's crisis may be passed without recourse to war. We declare our belief that the settlement of international difficulties by bloodshed is unworthy of the Twentieth century, and our confidence that our government is using every honorable means to avoid conflict. If, however, our nation is drawn into the maelstrom, we stand ready to serve our country with the zeal and consecration which should ever characerize those who cherish high ideals of the duty and obligation of citizenship. With no intention of laying aside our constructive, forward work to secure the vote for the womanhood of this country as the right protective of all rights, we offer our services to our country in the event they should be needed, and, in-so-far as we are authorized we pledge the loyal services of our more than two millions of members."

The association plans to form a central committee composed of representatives from "each National organization of women willing to aid in war work, if the need arises."

EDWIN GOULD, JR., IS KILLED ON COON HUNT

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found. The body was at once brought to Jekyl Island.

Gould and Reynolds, who had set out in thenr canoe about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon intending to spend the night hunting coons, traps for which had been set in many parts of the hammock, a Gould game preserve some two miles from Jekyl Island. After walking for some time over the island, Gould and Reynolds came upon one of the traps in which a large coon was stuggling, held fast by one foot. Gould struck the coon across the head with his gun, holding the barrel in his hands, it was said. The first blow was not sufficient, and the hunter struck again. It was the second blow, according to reports here, that was followed by the discharge of the gun, which was loaded with bird shot. The entire discharge took effect in the hunter's groins.

Reynolds, who was within a few feet of where Gould fell, rushed to his side, but before he could do more than give temporary aid, the young hunter had died. Reynolds hastened to the beach and paddled back to Jekyl Island for help in bringing the body over. Many persons here familiar with young Gould's methods of hunting, said he was accustomed to carrying his gun cocked. It was thought that the weapon must have been cocked when Gould used it as a club.

BODY TAKEN TO NEW YORK BY YOUNG GOULD'S FATHER

New York, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Edwin Gould received a message late today from her husband informing her that he was bringing home the body of their son in his private car and expected to reach New York sometime tonight.

Edwin Gould, Jr., went to Jekyl Island about a month ago. He was joined there last week by his father and Col. Belson Burr. Mrs. Gould, who had been detained here by the illness of her mother, Mrs. George F. Shrady, expected to join the members of her family at the island within a few days.

Edwin Gould, Jr., who was 23 years old, was a grandson of the late Jay Gould. He had been educated by tutors and had been preparing to practice law but had decided to enter the service of a banking house next fall. A younger brother is a freshman at Yale.

BEANS ARE NOW A LUXURY.

One Writer Buys Them by Dozen for Necklaces.

(From the New York Mail.)

There was once a time when the bean was held in such low esteem on account of its cheapness that the government fed it to soldiers. We used to refer to soldiers as "poor devils," because they had nothing to eat but beans.

Beans were consumed in large quantities by the army and by poor people, including newspaper persons who frequented the low-browed restaurants. To realize fully the low station of the bean at the time one need only remember that the jitney restaurants were all called "beaneries."

But that was back in the days when the Primrose, Barlow and West Minstrels represented the highest type of theatrical divertisement and people ate dinner at noon.

A few days ago our fireside companion discovered that beefsteak was growing to be somewhat above our station in life and expressed the fear starvation was imminent.

"Fear not, little one," said we; "beans shall sustain us and keep us alive. From time immemorial the people have fallen back upon this faithful vegetable in times of stress."

So we hied to the grocer to buy enough beans to last us until spring. We thought about 75 cents would turn the trick.

"Beans retail at $7.50 a bushel," said the grocer.

"On account of the war?" we gasped, as we clutched a cracker barrel for support.

"No," he replied. "Not on account of the war, but on account of the price."

DE FACTO TROOPS AND VILLA FORCES IN BLOODY BATTLE

Seventeen Carranzistas Killed While Bandit Losses Numbered Ten.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 25. — As a result of a skirmish between Villa troops and government forces, thirty miles southwest of Ojinaga, reinforcements were sent out from the Ojinaga garrison today in an effort to locate the Villa bands who were thought to have crossed the Rio Grande near Fort Hancock, Texas, to join a Villa command.

In a short skirmish, 17 of the Carranza force were killed and many wounded, while the Villa force left ten dead on the field, according to Mexicans who witnessed the battle. It is believed here the battle was preliminary to an attack by Villa forces on Ojinaga.

A Mexican paper issued an extra late today, stating that Jose Ynez Salazar and his command were within four hours ride of Juarez and would assault the town from the southwest, while Manuel Ochoa attacked from the southeast. This report was discredited by the fact that the railroad communication between Juarez and Ciudad Grandes continued uninterrupted today.

ALLIED STORIES OF THE ATHENS INCIDENT UNTRUE

Greek Legation Denies That Certain Promises Were Made to DuFournet

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Greek legation here made public tonight a cablegram from the Athens foreign office describing as fales and misleading accounts appearing in the allied press of the landing of allied troops at Athens in December nad the events and negotiations which preceded. The message said it was untrue that any promise had been given Admiral DuFournet in regard to compensation for material yielded to the Bulgars; that the documets in the co-called cession of Fort Rupel were forced; that the Greek king did not refuse to guarantee that order would be kept in the streets, that the city was quiet when the allied forces landed with orders to take possession of commanding heights and that the Greeks did not open fire first in the clash that followed. It also asserted that no shot was fired from the legations, and that order was re-established afte rthe arrest by the police of 200 individuals, since released on the insistence of the allies.

CUBAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED CAMAGUEY

Rebel Forces at Loma Del Grillo Defeated in Short Battle.

Havana, Feb. 25. — Government troops have captured Camaguey, it is announced, officially. The rebels fled, after offering slight resistance.

It is reported from Santa Clara that heavy fighting at Loma Del Grillo resulted in the defeat of rebel forces under Gerardo Machado and Sanchez Del Portal. The battle lasted less than an hour. The rebels lost 15 killed and 11 wounded. Del Portal is reported to have been wounded. He was liberal candidate for the governorship of Santa Clara. The government troops lost one killed and seven wounded.

Colonel Betancourt, with about 1,800 men, is marching on Santiago.

MILITARY TRAINING ADVOCATED BL SOME LEADING EDCATORS

New York, Feb. 25.—Universal military training was advocated by some of the leading educators of the country in their responses to an inquiry sent them by Elon H. Hooker, president of the Society of the Genesee.

Letters were received from Dr. Chas. W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard; President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale; President Jacob Gould Schurman, of Cornell; President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California; Chancellor David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford, and George Wharton Pepper, of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Jorhan was the only dissenter against military training.

MORE THAN $1,000,000 FIRE DAMAGE AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.—Damage aggregating more than $1,000,000 was caused by a fire that tonight destroyed the elevators here of the Kentucky Public Elevator Company, and destroyed or damaged 75 freight cars standing on storage tracks. Approximately 500,000 bushels of wheat, corn, rye and oats stored in the elevators were destroyed. Most of the railroad cars were loaded with merchandise and lumber.

GERMANS AT SOME POINTS RETIRE AS MUCH AS 3 MILES

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sniping resistance here and there.

Today the British patrol pressed forward, keeping in close contact with the Germans who had retreated a further 2,000 yards during the night. Thus the way was opened to the ground which for months had been contested.

There were bursts of stiff resistance from German obstructing parties which had been scattered in the rear of the retiring columns. Early today a big mine was exploded in the main street of Miraumont just before the British advanced patrols entered.

It is evident now that the Germans, taking advantage of the last days of the recent heavy frost and hard ground, moved a great many of their guns well to the rear, leaving others forward to keep up a show of resistance. This they had been valiantly doing for the past three or four days, firing more rounds than any German guns in recent months. The reason for this is considered as probably a desire to shoot up stores of ammunition which there was not time to remove.

The foggy, misty weather was ideal for the beginning of the German retirement, as it completely hid the purpose of the movement from the prying eyes of the airplanes which otherwise would have daily searched out the German positions.

Germans made prisoner yesterday and today said they had been left behind to walk about and fire their rifles and make as much noise as possible. They were delighted to be relieved from their thankless task.

THREE STEAMERS WERE YESTERDAY SUNK BY U-BOATS

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ently the German retreat was carried on to a depth of about three miles and that they employed obstructive tactics without resorting to rear guard actions.

TRYING TO DEFEAT REED AMENDMENT

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financially interested in the liquor so stored. It is freely stated that the Reed amendment will seriously cripple if not destroy a number of large banks in wet territory. These banks have loaned up to the last dollar permissible by law on the whiskey guarded in warehouses and the only security which they hold is the certificates. If rum cannot be shipped into dry territory these banks do not see how they are to realize on these certificates because there will be little if any sale for the stuff unless the distillers will take it back and the distillers are in almost as bad a plight as the mail order houses and the banks which have stood behind them.

"That Girlie Trio."
Hear them at the Royal Today.
(advertisement.)

ALLEGED GERMAN PLOTTER IS RE-ARRESTED IN SPAIN

Additional Evidence Against Man Who Claims to be an American.

Paris, Feb. 25.—A wireless dispatch from Madrid says that additional evidence obtained by the Spanish authorities in reference to the discovery of a pro-German plot has led to the re-arrest of a man giving the name of Wood, claiming to be an American, who had been set at liberty.

A Paris dispatch February 22 said Wood had been arrested at Cartagena, and has been given the protection of the German consul. In connection with his arrest, it was announced that the police had found a number of buoys to which were attached boxed covered with waterproof cloth and containing diplomatic documents and gasoline, as well as submarine parts.

SISTER SHIP OF STEAMER VEDAMORE AT BALTIMORE

The Quernmore Arrives Armed With a Five-Inch Gun

Baltimore, Feb. 25.—The British steamer Quernmore, sister ship of the Vedamore, which was torpedoed several weeks ago, arrived today armed with a five-inch gun, the largest mounted on any ship coming to this port. Captain Hignett said he sailed the day after the Vedamore was sunk. His ship is painted a battleship gray.

He said the impression in England is that a spring drive is soon to commence and that guns, heavier than any yet used on either side, are being massed by the British in France. Captain Hignett's son was killed in action six weeks ago and the boy's mother died from the shock.

Ship Sails With Cotton

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 25.—The British steamer Elswick Tower, with cotton, sailed today for a destination said to be a French port. No Americans were on board, so far as is known.

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THEATRICAL

Manager Bailey, of the Royal, confidently believes that he has one of the very best shows of the entire season for this week. Judging from reports from places this company has played this will undoubtedly prove true. The attraction is Dave Newman's Tabarin Girls Company, the neatest tabloid musical comedy show on the road, with the biggest bunch of special features of the season, presenting only new and original musical comedy attractions. This company can be compared, in many respects to the Guy Johnson show, as almost every member of this company has been chosen not only for their ability to play roles in the plays, but are composed of several big vaudeville teams who present some of the biggest specialty acts of the year.

Chief among them is Miss Carrie Hawley, well known as a musical comedy prima donna, who is one of the big hits of the year on the Southern circuit. Another alluring and out of the ordinary specialty act is that of Cassie Hurley, the celebrated Hawaiian dancing girl, who wears typical native costumes in her spectacular Hawaiian dances.

Next comes Dan Friendly, the funniest Jew comedian on the road, who carries the principal comedy roles in the productions and leads several of the chorus numbers. Al. Green, tenor singer, possessed of a voice with a remarkable volume, is another feature that will prove very popular. And then—"That Girlie Trio"—three nifty girl song-birds who present some startling and realistic specialties, and winding up with the Tabarin Quartette in superb harmony singing and novelties.

The opening bill for today is "A Honolulu Romance," with the most gorgeous set of special scenery seen this season and the niftiest—positively—costumes seen here this season. The fourth big chapter of "The Crimson Stain Mystery" will also be on today, and patrons are reminded that a big touring car is to be given for the best suggestion for a sequel to this serial.

Victoria Today and Tomorrow.

"God's Country and the Woman" at the Victoria today and tomorrow, is bound to take its place among the greatest motion picture plays yet produced. It is an eight-reeler and was photographed in the deep snows of Great Bear Valley, up in the San Bernardino mountains of Southern California.

William Duncan, George Holt and Nell Shipman are the principals who enact the drama of a girl whose mother is overpowered by a villain and gives birth to a child in the absence of her husband. The daughter comes bravely to the front, to assume the responsibility of the motherhood. To preserve her own honor, the girl, just before her father returns, writes him that she is going to the North woods to meet her "husband." The ruse works well, for a young man drifting down stream on a homeward journey from the wilds beaches his canoe near the girl's forest shelter; and falls in love with her.

She prevails upon him through his great love for her to pose as her husband, and they go back home together to protect the good name of the mother. A marriage ceremony is performed, but they live in separate rooms in a frontier home until finally the baby dies and the villain, who all the while is trying to get possession of the girl, is devoured by a pack of sledge dogs who trail him down after a sensational battle in which the arch-conspirator and his fellow outlaws in "Devil's Nest" are vanquished and the girl who has been made captive is freed by her sweetheart. Thereafter, in the glow of the burning rendezvous, the hero takes the girl to his heart as wife in fact as well as name, for in the passing ordeals the violation of the mother becomes known to him and his bride becomes free to claim his love. Dog trains going full tilt up hill and down and a series of great human adventures holding together in perfect cohesion a wonderful story, make "God's Country and the Woman" a film masterpiece.

"The Purple Mask"—Grand.

The latest big chapter of "The Purple Mask" is on at the Grand today, and right here before you see it, we're going to tell you this: Grace Cunard and Francis Ford are not married, despite the many reports that they are. And, further, Miss Cunard was married about three weeks ago to Mr. Joe Moore, one of the famous Moore boys, brother to Matt and Owen, and now a member of the Universal company, and will be seen in later chapters of "The Purple Mask." And now that Grace is a real bride, you will most certainly want to see her, and in the great two-reel chapter of the greatest serial that she and Francis Ford ever put over today, you will see some of the most thrilling work that she ever did before the motion picture camera. It's wonderful—the tricks that this dauntless girl has up her sleeve all the time—and the manner in which she thwarts the plans of the "wise" detective—Francis Ford—who is continually dogging her. There's some spectacular action in this chapter today, and you may look for the biggest crowds yet.

A distinct novelty is "Giants of the American Forest," showing for the first time in pictures the great Redwood industry of California—lumbering among the giants of the forest, showing among other sights, the biggest and longest flume in the world, which floats this massive timber down the mountains for fifty miles.

"The Valley of Beautiful Things" is a drama for the kiddies enacted by the famous Universal juvenile players.

Betty to the Rescue.

Having scored such a pronounced success in "Witchcraft" and "The Years of the Locust," Fannie Ward, the versatile Lasky star, will be seen today at the Grand in the Jesse L. Lasky production "Betty to the Rescue," Beatrice De Mille's and Leighton Osmun's clever comedy drama.

The story was especially written for Miss Ward by these noted photodramatic writers.

In "Betty to the Rescue" Miss Ward has a play for which she is easily adapted, and which is unlike anything in which she has ever appeared for the Lasky organization. Instead of the beautiful society matron as she was seen in "The Years of the Locust," the captivating star is now a romping, hoydenish tomboy with touseled hair, bare feet and is clad frequently in a dilapidated pair of overalls.

The scenes of "Betty to the Rescue" were laid in the wonderful orange and mining districts of Southern California. Betty's dying father, who has sunk all his money in a mine, leaves her in the care of some friends who make her believe she is wealthy until their orange crop is wiped out by a sudden frost. How Betty, realizing this, takes the management into her own hands, and accidentally discovers that her mine is worth a fortune, and goes into the arms of the man whom she loves, is depicted in a careful and delightfully original manner.

During some of the scenes, Miss Ward wears her famous moleskin costume, which was made out of the skins of moles captured by her gardener at her famous English estate near Stratford, St. Giles, England.

Supporting Miss Ward in the cast are Jack Dean, James Neill, Charles West, Lillian Leighton and Ted Duncan.

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Beautiful Co-Star With William Duncan in the Magnificent Eight-Reel Vitagraph Super-Feature, "God's Country and the Woman," at the Victoria today and Tomorrow.

GREATEST SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS TO BE FOUND IN THE WORLD

Senator Predicts This for America Within a Life Time.

Washington, D. C., February 25.—"I predict that in the lives of the younger men now before me will be seen from ocean to ocean in the United States the greatest system of highways to be found anywhere in the world," was the prediction of Senator John H. Bankhead, recently uttered in Atlanta at a meeting of its convention bureau, held for the purpose of accelerating the building of the Bankhead Highway through the Southern States.

"The present Federal appropriation of $85,000,000 is but the beginning of the work that the National government will shortly be doing in the matter of road construction," asserted the venerable chairman of the Senate Committee on Postoffices and Postroads, "and, before the expiration of the five-year period in which this money will be expended in conjunction with $75,000,000 contributed by the several states, I expect to see the Congress making appropriations of from $50,000,000 to $75,000,000 annually for highways progress."

It is doubtful if a more enthusiastic series of good roads meetings have been held than the session which had to do with the Atlanta gathering in connection with the Bankhead highway, to extend from Washington to Richmond, Va., to Atlanta, Ga., to Birmingham, Ala., to Memphis, Tenn., and then across Arkansas and on to the Pacific coast, over a route not yet decided upon. Governor Harris, of Georgia, Mayor Candler, of Atlanta, and Judge T. E. Patterson, chairman of the State highway commission, were among the speakers at the luncheon given in honor of the Alabama senator whose name was coupled with that of Representative D. W. Shackleford, of Missouri, in the passage of the Federal Aid Road Act.

The concensus of opinion, and the subsequent action of the business meeting, was that a great highway made up of inter-communicating state post roads would prove of incalculable benefit to the states passed through and would meet our national necessities, commercially, socially, and for defense. Senator Bankhead, in the course of his address, dwelt particularly upon the great wisdom of keeping in mind at this time the part which connecting highways would serve in military mobilization purposes. It was agreed that the use of combined Federal and state money should have reference to roads which serve the greatest number of people and relieve the states of a percentage of their expensive highways and thus make it possible for the states to give increased co-operation to the counties on the essential market roads.

In Birmingham, April 19, there will be held probably the most important gathering yet of the Bankhead Highway, for the governors of practically all the states included in the route have given assurance of being present.

Immediately the complete route is settled upon, the Touring Information Board of the American Automobile Association, with National headquarters in Washington and New York, will add the route to its strip maps, besides which the Bankhead Highway Association will sign-post the great road from Washington across the Southern States to Memphis, and then to whatever city may be decided upon as the terminating point on the Pacific coast.

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MORE DRASTIC MEASURES TO PROTECT SWEDISH NEUTRALITY

Foreign Minister Says Recent Events Make This Necessary.

London, Feb. 25.—In the debate in the Swedish parliament yesterday, as reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, the foreign minister, K. A. Wallenberg, declared that something has happened in the last few days which makes it necessary for Sweden to take sterner measures to safeguard her neutrality. This declaration, which has made a deep impression in Sweden, was elicited by the refusal of the second chamber to vote for an appropriation of 30,000,000 kroner for military purposes. The first chamber passed the measure, but when it reached the second chamber 104 votes were cast against it, and in favor of an appropriation of 10,000,000 kroner. Unless some change occurs in the situation the amount will remain at 10,000,000 kroner.

Vigorous efforts were made by the government to obtain the larger amount, Premier Hammarskjold, and the ministers of war, finance and foreign affairs taking part in the debate. In sounding his warning the foreign minister said the opposition would soon be compelled to admit that the situation was graver for Sweden than ever before. Stockholm newspapers say the declaration of the foreign minister created the greatest excitement.

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DR. CHAPMAN CANNOT HOLD REVIVAL MEETING AT KINSTON

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 25.—The local Ministerial Association today announced the failure of the association to secure the famous Wilbur Chapman evangelistic party for a revival series here this spring. Dr. Chapman recently underwent a serious operation, from which he is but slowly recuperating, it was stated. It is doubted that he can resume his work before the fall. Arrangements will be made whereby the party will come here in the spring of 1918, it was said.

TWO CANDIDATES IN FIELD NOW FOR MAYOR OF KINSTON

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 25.—M. M. Happer, alderman from the Second ward, has announced as a mayoralty aspirant, making the second man to enter the race for the Democratic nomination. The primary will be held in April. Republican opposition is not usual, and is not expected this spring. Happer is especially strong with the working people, say his friends. He is an economist, and some weeks ago moved to abolish the salaries of the mayor and aldermen. He did not succeed in bringing that about. He is police commissioner under the present administration.

ON WAY TO RALEIGH

Southport Delegation to Urge Passage of Court House Bill

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, N. C., Feb. 25.—The Southport delegation of a dozen citizens, representing all trades, commercial interests and professions, left here this afternoon for Raleigh, where they will show before the committee why Senator Cranmer's bill for the improvement of the Brunswick county court house should be passed by the Legislature.

GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS

Frozen Region the Only European Country Uninterested in the War.

(London Dispatch)

The Eskimos of Greenland are probably the only people in Europe who are not interested in the outcome of the great war. Such is the impression given by Jen Dangaard Imsen, governor of Greenland, who has come all the way to appear as a witness in a claim of the Danish government to a cargo of fish seized by the British as a prize of war.

"They have heard of the war," said the governor, "but they have only a vague impression of the gigantic struggle. Two Eskimo papers that are published once a month give them a rough idea of the conflict but issues are entirely foreign to them. These papers are printed by native printers trained in Denmark. In them are reproduced war pictures taken from the Danish papers."

The waste of human life makes the deepest impression on these Greenlanders, according to Governor Dangaard. "The Eskimo believes it wicked to kill humans," he went on. "He kills all animals and thinks he has a perfect right to do so but he shrinks from the thought of taking a human's life. He heard of men being thrown against machinery in the great struggle to the south of him and believes the whole thing absurd."

The governor summed up the Greenlander's upique position which he remarked may have something to do with his detachment from the war. "The Greenlander," he said, "has these advantages:

"He has no army to support.

"He has no navy to worry about.

"There are no policemen in Greenland.

"He has no taxes to pay.

"There are no movie shows or theatres.

"All doctor bills are paid by the Danish government."

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WELL WILL YOU MAIL THIS WHEN YOU GET OUT?
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GETTING HIS GOAT.
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'YOU SEE ALL YA GOTTA DO WITH A GOAT IS TO GRAB IT BY THE HORNS AND-- WHOA! WHAT'S THIS? LEGGO O'THAT POCKETBOOK YOU THIEF!!
HAR-HAW!! GRAB HIM BY THE HORNS, WHY DON'T CHA?
$1
HAR, HAR, I'M AFEARED I'LL GET PENTISIDIX FROM LAFFIN!
LEGGO I SAY!
LOOKIT, QUICK! CHESTY IS BRINGING HOME A GOAT
THERE'S MONEY IN THAT ONE, HE SWALLOWED MY POCKETBOOK!
I SEE YOU ARE STARTIN' A GOAT RANCH, IS THERE MONEY IN GOATS?
PAUL
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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Life is too short for any bitter feeling;
Time is the best avenger if we wait.
The years speed by and on their wings bear healing;
Who have no room for anything like hate. —SELECTED.

My dear snake-seeing friend, good night!

Colonel Bryan seems to fear that his followers will desert him and go to the front.

A man can always sell the best without running down the worst. The best speaks for itself.

An old fashioned gentleman says he views with alarm the fact that the majority seems to be possessed of "bone dry" ideas.

All just government rests upon the intelligence, integrity and patriotism of the men who are given the consent of the governed.

A New York man has written a book in which he tells how to stop the war for five cents. Well, that is all it's worth just to tell how.

Advice against radicalism does not do a bit of good. Radical movements go but a short pace till they are met by a reactionaryism that is quite as violent.

Once a man boasted of his great imperturbability, but a woman, more artistic than he, boohooed on his shoulder and made him an easy victim for a new spring hat at any cost.

New York harbor has been protected by a submarine net, a palpable and inexcusable discrimination against Atlanta where "Fort" McPherson is left exposed to the ruthless inroads of the waterwagon.

One advantage that an eight-day clock has over a man is that the clock can run eight days without stopping. At the same time, a man can run faster than a clock when a melee gets to going.

Lots of people who regard submarines as something terrible used to have gates that opened on the sidewalks so others could meander along in the dark and butt into a proposition equal to a mule with four hind legs.

High flying indicates nothing. A high flyer may be an eagle, a buzzard, an airman or an airish man. "Now take the buzzard," one Phil Armstrong, a certain philosopher on the Jacksonville Times-Union, says. "He soars above the clouds, but look at his taste!"

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot tells us that "financiers are complaining that gold is piling up too fast in this country." They are not worrying half as much as millions of us who are complaining that gold isn't piling up anywhere within reach of us.

Says the Jacksonville Times-Union: "In the same mail, a Florida congressman received two postal cards, one advising him to stand for peace and the other to stand by the President." No doubt the congressman will stand by the President unless he prefers to take chances on being cartooned as a pacifist.

A fellow is so constituted that he won't walk two blocks to mail a letter for his sister but he will trot out in the rain to mail a picture postal for some other fellow's sister. Some one wants to know why that is, but a moment's reflection would reveal the fact that another fellow's sister can fool him the easiest.

Owing to the scarcity of leather, Italian manufacturers are turning out wooden bottom shoes and even footwear wholly made of paper. That is one of the best signs that the war in Europe is on its last legs. During the War Between the States in this country wooden bottom shoes became a necessity about 12 months before the war ended.

THE MARKETING PROBLEM FOR CONSUMERS

The Star yesterday carried a local story indicating the interest of citizens of Wilmington in some marketing system that will tend to relieve the distressing cost of living. This is an exceedingly vital question and comes close home to everybody. It is a problem at all times but it is a positively acute one at this time.

The market and marketing problem is one that will not settle itself. It requires a movement backed by householders generally. They realize the need of better and more systematic marketing, but the question is what is it they want or what is it they should have in the way of an improvement over the old system. That alone can be determined by study and exchange of experiences.

Possibly some people have no buying system of their own to start with, hence the facilities for buying have been given negligible attention by them. However, each family should be deeply concerned in this matter, since the income of nine out of ten people goes mostly for what they eat and wear. That much of their expense is needless would be easy of demonstration if the subject were investigated and studied properly.

The Star would suggest as a beginning in this matter of marketing studies that Wilmington's marketing system, market regulations and all market laws be studied familiarly, so that some of their disadvantages may be realized. Then there should be a study of systems elsewhere, and careful decision should be made of some system that will best meet the needs of the people of this city. The tax on selling and buying should either be eliminated or reduced to a minimum under strict inspection and regulation on the part of the city authorities.

The vital matter at this time is to get foodstuffs on the table at a price greatly reduced below the prices that are now so burdensome upon people of limited means. We note in the dispatches that these onerous prices have brought the people of some large cities to the verge of riots, and it will only be a matter of time till the people of the smallest localities will feel like rising up in resentment against the price oppression of the times. The limit of imposition seems to have been reached, and the government is concerning itself in an investigation of the causes of outrageous prices, many of which cannot be justified at all.

The government also has a "farm-to-table" plan in order to help consumers who are in distress because their earnings cannot cover their needs for food. It is said that the consumer may expect Uncle Sam to offer him a market where he can secure food necessities at resonable costs at almost any time. The avenue of relief offered by the Federal government will be the full inauguration of the parcel post farm-to-table movement. This, it is claimed, will enable the consumer and purchaser to get fresh foodstuffs, produce and vegetables direct from the source of production on short notice.

The Postoffice Department is already inaugurating steps to educate both the householders and the farmers upon the advantages and the practical utilization of the parcel post. The plan already has been announced by some postmasters, and as outlined it will be such that the consumer or housewife may go to the information window of the postoffice and secure a list of farmers within an easily accessible radius of Wilmington who have fresh meats, butter, eggs, vegetables and fruits to sell. He or she may then telegraph or write the seller whose prices attracts him and order the food sent by parcel post immediately. The purchaser has the option of ordering c. o. d. or sending the money with the order.

When the farmer receives the order all that he has to do is to pack up the food in safe shipment form and hand it to the rural carrier, who can supply him with necessarary stamps, and it is started upon its way. If it is a cash order all right, but in the event it goes c. o. d. the postal authorities collect from the purchaser on delivery and send the money back to the farmer.

AS WE FACE A CRISIS

In the face of a very grave crisis for this country, there is something bordering on the appalling in the disgraceful filibuster sprung by the Republicans in the Senate on Saturday. The most that could possibly be accomplished was to postpone the vote on American preparedness for five days—from Saturday until Wednesday of this week.

Republican senators, boasting their patriotism, filibustered against the prompt passage of the revenue bill in which provision is made for a greater navy and larger army, sufficiently adequate to meet the needs of this country for national defense. The American people certainly have had every reason to recognize the absolute necessity of it, and really it seems to be emergent to the thinking people of this country. The Republicans placed themselves in the attitude of opposing national preparedness, yet their object in attempting to defeat or postpone the preparedness bill was based on their loyalty to munitions manufacturers, as consistently charged by the Democrats.

The bill is objectionable to the Republicans because it contains provisions for taxing excess profits, and since such a tax will fall heaviest upon those who have made millions of profits out of the war and those who will make millions more out of our preparedness programme, whether we have war or not, the Republicans obviously represented that class in their fight against the bill. Their success, of course, would mean that the tax would be taken off munitions makers' rofits and necessarily and logically put upon the masses of the people whose means of living have already been enormously taxed by war prices for foodstuffs.

What other object could the Republicans have in staving off a vote on the revenue bill which Senator Simmons and his Democratic defenders were intensely anxious to get through without any seeming division among the American people? Prompt passage of the bill would have indicated a united national spirit, but for the sake of protecting the excess profits of those interested in "war babies," the Republicans took chances on creating the impression in Europe that Americans are not standing by President Wilson in his determination to protect the rights of the United States from ruthless disregard on the ocean.

Possibly, however, the Republicans had another object in view, viz.: To force an extra session of the Senate so it can be in session to embarass President Wilson in further handling the submarine crisis. That alone manifests Republican distrust of the American President, and it is even more likely to leave the central powers under the impression that the course of the administration has the disapproval of the large Republican element of the United States. It is just such political maneuvering in the face of crises that has emboldened the European belligerents to carry out war measures in defiance of American rights. Indeed, the Republicans have time and again led them to believe that America is a house divided against itself, and that is exactly the fatal impression that prevails at Berlin.

Owing to Republican attempts at political coups during the last two and a half years, President Wilson has had all sorts of embarassments to undergo while contending with the belligerents with a view to securing American rights without plunging this country into war. Nevertheless, the Republicans yet seem anxious to have the Senate on hand in Washington so it can sit down on President Wilson in any further step that he may take to protect American rights and honor.

If this country finally shall be dragged into war, it will be because partisan politics at Washington has for more than two years been schemed to discredit President Wilson and thus it has brought discredit on the American Republic. This is a time for grave business at Washington and no time for heated division and acrimonious debate on the eve of what momentarily promises to be a tragedy for all the American people, regardless of politics.

Europe can but laugh cynically and scornfully at such spectacles as that precipitated by the Republican tactics in the Senate during the past week.

AN EDUCATOR WITH A VISION

The inaugural address of President Wallace C. Riddick, the new president of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, is proof enough that the right man has been placed at the head of that great State institution of learning and technology. Having been connected with the college staff for twenty years, President Riddick has been fully imbued with its sprit, else he has a splendid vision of his own as to what that spirit shall be for the future. For instance he said in his inaugural address a few days ago:

"There is behind us a history that is short, but full of achievement; there is ahead of us the vision of a great institution devoted to industrial training and technical education in their broadest sense, whose field of endeavor shall be limited only by its ability to serve; an institution in which the science and practice of agriculture, of engineering, of chemistry and of the textile industries shall be taught to their most abstruse limits, and from which, on the other hand, the humblest farmer, mechanic, or mill operative may receive that instruction which will increase his efficiency and earning capacity, and therefore make of him a better and more useful citizen; an institution which stands for democracy of education, and shall recognize no distinction in the dignity or vocations, except that which comes from the superior skill, intelligence and character of those who ply them; an institution whose aim shall be to promote the physical, mental, and moral efficiency of those who come within the sphere of its influence; and, above all, an institution which, while educating and training for efficiency in material things, shall never forget or fail to impress upon its students that the final aim of education is to elevate and expand the soul of man, to the end that he may become a more effective agent for the uplift of humanity and the bringing of God's Kingdom upon earth."

In the foregoing it is plainly to be observed that the new president of the A. & M. is an educator with lofty ideals. He has expressed them as the dominating aspirations of the college, and the people will be quite well content if that is to be the institutional character of the A. & M. If the Riddick vision is to be the line upon which the institution is to be carried on for the future, we can well conceive the true type of men that it is to turn out-men not only educated and technically trained but trained in character and heart and mind.

The State is entitled to be congratulated upon the good fortune that has come to the A. & M. in falling to the care of President Riddick. With the responsibility resting upon a man of his vision, there need not be any worry as to the future training of the State's boys in an institution that aims at the highest mark in the educational, scientific, technical and moral making of men for careers of great usefulness for themselves and the State.

LIVE-AT-HOME FARMING FIRST.

Food riots in our large cities and the consternation even in the smallest villages throughout America should be sufficient warning to the farmers of the South that they owe it to themselves and to the country at large to "farm safe" this year. It is being stressed by the government and the careful thinkers of this country that at such a time as this the farmer should farm for a living instead of devoting too much of his effort to farming for money. In neglecting to grow food crops, all the money crops that may be grown this year might not cover the food bill, much less leave a cash balance after the foodstuffs shall have been bought.

Foodstuffs are going to be scarce while the European war lasts, and for several years thereafter. The close of the war will find practically all the people of Europe reduced to a starvation basis, and already want and famine are staring some of the world's greatest nations in the face. There will be an enormous demand for foodstuffs, but the danger for the whole world at this time is famine. People won't have much money for so-called cash crops and luxuries, and the truth as to that will stare us in the face all the more the longer Europe's war is to last.

We need not get alarmed by it, but we should get wise. Otherwise the day of alarm will be sure to come upon us. It may not be so very far away. Such a food crop shortage this year as we had last year in the United States would be appaling to all the people of America, particularly, and to those of the world in general. It is a wise man who heeds the present day signs of sore distress in the United States and takes notice of all the elements that presage woe in the continent on which millions of men are dying in battle.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Governor Bickett gives the tip that he is not going to call an extra session. And Governor Bickett is right.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The papers of the country generally gave the Southern Railway Company a proper share of praise for the successful manner in which the troops were transported to and from the Mexican border. At the time The Observer gave the number of cars and locomotives engaged in that service, and the number of men carried without a single fatality and on schedule time, and it was a record worthy the attention of the country. This record, however, seems to have had material recognition in another way. It will be remembered that the committee of the American Railway Association recently selected President Harrison of the Southern to head the work of mobilization of the railroad service in case of war, and it now develops that the record made by President Harrison's road in the movement of the troops brought this recognition to its president. However that, the selection of Mr. Harrison was a fitting tribute to the abilities of one of the best railroad presidents in the whole country.—Charlotte Observer.

This editor has for many years insisted that the convict had some rights—and if he didn't his people had. We are glad, therefore, to see the Hickory Daily Record go into print this fashion. "Also we believe that the state should provide for the dependent families of convicts, not only as a matter of right, but to prevent these dependents from becoming charges on the local communities. The wages of the convicts should be given to their families after the expense of maintenance is deducted." We have gone further, and go further. We believe that if a man has no family he should, for the protection of society, if not himself, be allowed to earn a wage and have it placed to his credit. He should be allowed so much real money for each day he served the State, if the State was the beneficiary of his sweat and blood, and when he finally left the institution he should be made the proud possessor of his earnings. If a life prisoner, then he should have the right to elect what he would do with his own money—and let him take an interest in earning it. Let there be fines and forfeitures for misbehavior—let him pay the bill in coin rather than in lashes on his bared back. We all know, and all of us must admit, that when the convict comes out of prison he has nothing in God's world but a reputation that is bad; a convict's name, and he has not the wherewithal to take him fifty miles from the place of his humiliation and his debasement. Suppose he had earned, by honest labor, a hundred dollars or two hundred dollars, and it was his. He could easily go to some distant country and there take his place as an honest man. The stain of the stripes in their snakelike hideousness would not stare him in the face—if it was in him he could be born again. But no matter what good resolutions were passed by the man in his narrow cell behind the grated bars—no matter what he told himself he would do when once outside the Walled City—the path of least resistance must be his, and with empty pocket and dishonored name, no friend, no helping hand, a wanderer branded as Cain was branded, he seeks again to do his fellow man. In his heart is a desire to play for even. In his mind may be a grand dream of a better and purer life, but empty handed, branded, disgraced, wih no money and with no character, what will he do? What will he do? He will rob the first man he sees. He will become again a burglar or a murderer, or a seducer, because before him is nothing; he cannot see what he has to gain, and surely he has lost all. But let that man have the money he has earned, and in earning it in the silent hours of his solitude he has figured out a road, he has a fixed purpose, and that idea will possess him and not the wonder where will his next meal be served and how can he obtain it.—Greensboro Record.

Sugar Shortage in Kinston.

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 25.—Several thousand barrels of sugar are looked for daily by merchants here to relieve a shortage. A rise in price to 15 cents failed to materialize. Ten cents has been the highest price charged by retailers. Merchants have is some refused to supply more than five pounds to a single customer.

RACED FOR RICH MAN'S FAVOR

But John Fox, Democratic Leader, Willed Relative Same Amount.

(From the New York Sun.)

A race for the favor of the late John Fox, once State Senator and president of the National Democratic Club, between two little girl relatives that developed into a literal contest of speed was described before a jury in the State Supreme Court recently in the suit for Eleanor B. Fox to have the will of her grandfather set aside on the ground of undue influence exerted by Mrs. Katherine O'Brien, his housekeeper, and niece by marriage.

Helen C. Devine, another niece of the politician, gave testimony to show that Eleanor was a favorite with him, but that Mrs. O'Brien coached her daughter Katherine to gain his esteem. When Fox wanted his slippers at his country place, Foxhurt, at Baldwin, L. I., the witness said, Eleanor would start to get them. Mrs. O'Brien, according to her story, would then summon her child and send her on the same errand.

A race up the stairs between the youngsters would ensue, she said, with the victory generally going to Katherine. On her return downstairs, so Mrs. Devine declared, her mother would go into the senator's room and tell him that her daughter had brought the slippers unbidden.

After the senator started wearing in his buttonhole a white posy plucked by his granddaughter, saying that he would carry it around all day because "it had been touched by his dearest little girl," the witness stated that a similar rivalry sprang up between the children when Mrs. O'Brien instructed her daughter to run for flowers. She was constantly making remarks to the senator disparaging Eleanor, according to Mrs. Devine, so that on one occasion, after hitting the dinner table, he exclaimed:

"Why can't I get a meal in peace? I m always hearing things about my granddaughter."

The income from the estate, which is estimated by the plaintiff at $400,000, was divided into three equal parts, one share each going to Eleanor, to her father, John Fox, Jr., and to Mrs. O'Brien. In two previous wills the entire estate was bequeathed to the granddaughter.

MR. JAS. E. HUTCHINSON DIES AT HIS HOME IN SOUTHPORT

Suffered Stroke of Apoplexy Friday Night—Native of Boston

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, Feb. 25.—Quietly and without seeming pain of any kind, death came to Mr. James E. Hutchinson this morning shortly after 7 o'clock. There was a gradual weakening from the time when he was stricken with apoplexy on Friday night, though at times he appeared conscious of what was taking place around him. He was 40 years old in January.

Mr. Hutchinson came from Boston, his native home, living for some years in Plattsburg, N. Y., where he married a Miss Lyon, who, with an infant son, survive him. In Southport he has done electric work of all kinds, conducting a shop with such supplies as auto an motorboat, as well as those for buildings. He was elected a member of the city board of aldermen last year, and was alert to the city's interests. His friends numbered all who knew him. His afflicted wife has received the consolations and help as far as such could be given in her sorrow from all here.

The body was embalmed and, awaiting the arrival of relatives from the north, the final funeral arrangements probably will not be completed until Tuesday.

PENNILESS MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN GERMAN SPY

Spent Night at New Bern and Investigated Harbor There.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, Feb. 25.—New Bernians are of the opinion that they have entertained at least one German spy during the course of the past week and the visit of this person has attracted considerable comment.

The man arrived in the city late one afternoon. He was well dressed but claimed to be penniless and had to be given a meal and a room for the night.

He was an expert musician and entertained a number of the members of the Elks club with an excellent programme and during the course of the evening and on the following day he is known to have made a thorough investigation as to the depth of the water here, defense, etc., after which he left as suddenly as he came. The man's actions were such as to cause suspicion to be fastened upon him and those who are familiar with the case feel positive that he was a spy.

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HIGH BIRTH RATE AND LOW DEATH RATE

Over 79,000 Births in North Carolina Last Year.

(State Board of Health).

North Carolina's high birth rate of 31.5 per 1,000 population against her low death rate of 13.3 gives her a most remarkable health record. Figures recently compiled by the vital statistics department of the State Board of Health show that there were in North Carolina last year 55,512 white births while there were 24,408 colored births, a total of 79,820. For the same time there were approximately 31,500 deaths from all causes in the State. Apparently from these figures, the death rate of the State has slightly decreased while the birth rate remains about the same.

Another interesting fact brought out in the records of these "life and death" figures is that 80 per cent. of the white births in the State are attended by a physician and 20 per cent by midwives. The reverse is true for the colored race. Only 20 per cent of the colored births are attended by a physician while 80 per cent are attended by midwives.

Probably, this fact, in the opinion of the board, accounts to a large extent for the difference in the death rates of children under one week old for the white and the colored races. According to mortality statistics, almost twice as many colored babies die during the first week of life as white babies. While the ignortant midwife may be one factor responsible for this condition among the colored race, lack of prenatal care for mother and child is though to be largely responsible for the greatest number of these deaths in both races.

PRESBYTERIAN LAYMEN TO HOLD CONFERENCE AT WARSAW

(Special Star Correspondence).

Warsaw, Feb. 25.—A laymen's conference for the Wilmington Presbytery, which embraces all the Presbyterian churches from Wilmington to Goldsboro, inclusive, will be held in the Presbyterian church here next Wednesday and Thursday. Many men prominent in church work are expected to be in attendance, and much benefit will be derived from the meeting.

Prof. Flowers Returns.

Trinity College, Feb. 25.—Prof. R. L. Flowers, professor of mathematics and secretary to the corporation, returned yesterday from Wilmington where he went to attend a meeting of the New Hanover county alumni association of the college. At this meeting 25 graduates and former students of the college were present, and a permanent organization was formed with Dr. J. Buren Sidbury, of the class of 1908, as president. Professor Flowers made the chief address at the meeting.

Little Gideon Holland Dead

Warsaw, Feb. 25.—Gideon, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holland, died at the home of his parents in the Bear Marsh section of the county late Monday after a few days illness from pneumonia with complications. The interment was made in the family burial plot on Tuesday afternoon. The boy, who was a fine, handsome child, was a grandson of Mr. G. G. Holland, of this town, for whom, with the parents, much sympathy is felt in their loss.

CARD FROM MR. CALDER

To the Editor of The Star:

Your columns this morning carry a letter from Mr. George Rountree in reference to the proceedings in the Recorder's court in the case of one J. F. Jackson. I was present at this trial and can compliment you on the accuracy of your report of it. It was not offered in argument by counsel for the defense, to avoid forfeiture of bond, that any agreement to postpone had been effected with the Recorder, and that the prosecution had no intimation of such postponement is evidenced by the presence of all their witnesses through the whole session of the court till the case was called.

I take exception to Mr. Rountree's letter, particularly his irrelevant reference to the reputation of J. F. Jackson in Kinston, as an effort to create a false impression of this man. I had never heard of J. F. Jackson till he appeared in Wilmington, therefore I have no prejudices for or against him. I do not know what his reputation or conduct is in Kinston, but I do know what he was engaged in Wilmington and the evidence of this as produced in court stands unchallenged.

Yours truly,

R. E. CALDER.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 25, 1917.

BRAZIL NOTIFIED U-BOAT RUTHLESSNESS WILL CONTINUE

Germany Proposes Negotiations in Case Brazilian Ships Are Sunk.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 25.—Brazil's declaration to Germany that she does not recognize the submarine and leaves with Germany the responsibility for all acts from which Brazilian merchantmen may suffer in violation of international law, has elicited from Germany a statement that the blockade will not be abandoned. It is announced officially that the German foreign office has declared to the Brazilian minister in Berlin that it regrets neutral interests should suffer on account of military measures. Nevertheless, Germany has reached the unchangeable determination to maintain the submarine blockade, to abandon which would involve national annihilation.

In case of the loss of Brazilian ships, the German government, the foreign office says, will suggest diplomatic negotiations.

KINSTON TO RENEW FIGHT FOR WATER TRANSPORTATION

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 25.—Immediately after the reorganization of the chamber of commerce, now in progress, is completed, Kinston business interests will again take up the matter of water transportation, it is expected. The news that the first ship to be operated by a new line from the north is expected to reach New Bern about the middle of next month has aroused more interest here. Efforts of Greenville business men in the same line are being watched; it is understood that town will make more use of Tar river during the present year. Material reductions of rates on some kinds of freight can be secured through a boat service from New Bern to this city, local men have been assured.

Cassie Hurley
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New Discovery! Dodson's Liver Tone Acts Like Calomel But Doesn't Gripe, Salivate or Make You Sick—Don't Lose a Day's Work—Harmless Liver Medicine for Men, Women, Children—Read Guarantee!

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COURT HOUSE FIGHT IS MOVED TO RALEIGH

Big Delegations Left Wilmington for Raleigh Last Night.

Southport Making Determined Fight For Improving Building While Other Citizens Are Opposed —Have Hearing Today.

Two delegations of Brunswick citizents left Wilmington last night for Raleigh to be present at a hearing this morning at 10 o'clock on Senator E. H. Cranmer's bill in the Legislature providing for the remodelling and improving of the county court house at Southport. One delegation was from Southport and went to favor the bill while the other represented those opposed to it, being composed of citizens from other sections of Brunswick.

At a mass meeting held at the court house at Southport Friday night resolutions were adopted endorsing Senator Cranmer's bill and another opposing the bill offered by Representative Hewett calling for a vote in the county to determine whether or not the court house shall be moved to Bolivia or Supply. It was also decided to send a delegation of ten citizens to Raleigh to press the claims and desires of the citizens of Southport as expressed at the mass meeting.

Those in the delegation from Southport came up on the steamer Wilmington yesterday afternoon and left shortly after their arrival on the 6:45 train for Raleigh. The delegation included Postmaster R. W. Davis, a law partner of Senator Cranmer; C. Ed Taylor, Esq., county attorney; Mayor J. W. Ruark; D. O. Daniels, cashier of the Bank of Southport; H. E. Goodwin, traffic manager of the W. B. & S. roailroad; and Messrs. T. H. Lindsey, J. B. Ruark, J. W. Thompson and George W. Ruark.

Senator Cranmer's bill provides for the expenditure of $30,000 in remodelling and improving the county court house, which, it is pointed out, is in a deplorable condition, making it absolutely necessary that something be done.

The delegation opposing Senator Cranmer's bill was headed by Mr. J. J. Knox, of El Paso, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Brunswick. Mr. Knox explained that he and those with him opopsed the passage of the bill because they did not feel that the county is able to spend so much money at the present time. While opposed to taking any action now, Mr. Knox said, if it is absolutely necessary that something be done, then he favored letting the people decide where they want the court house. Representative Hewett's bill would give them a chance to say whether or not they want it to remain at Southport and if it is moved then the people could express their preference between Bolivia and Supply.

That the opposition to Senator Cramner's bill is very much in earnest was indicated by the large delegation which accompanied Chairman Knox on the 6:45 train last night. Those in this delegation included E. Sellers, a member of the Board of Commissioners, of Supply; F. P. Lennon, of Bolivia; R. W. McKeithan, of Supply; J. F. Summersett, D. J. Hewett and Dr. W. R. Goley, of Shallotte; G. W. Kirby, J. S. Phelps and F. T. Clemmons, of Supply; J. E. Clayton, of Excelsior; E. F. Mallard, of Shallotte and Peter Ruark, of Supply.

There was the utmost good feeling between the opposing delegations, all of whom expressed confidence of winning out before the Legislative committee. The fight is along non-partizan lines, Republicans from Southport being lined up for Senator Cranmer's bill while Democrats from other sections will oppose it.

WANT CONFUSING ROAD SIGNS REMOVED FROM THE HIGHWAYS

Secretary Joseph Hyde Pratt, of State Highway Commission, Writes.

The importance of having confusing road signs from the highways is emphasized in a recent letter from Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, secretary of the State Highway Commission, to members of boards of commissioners and others. Signs in imitation of railroad signs have been the cause of a number of accidents, it is pointed out. This letter is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—

"At the meeting of the State Highway Commission held in Raleigh January 8th, a subject that was discussed at considerable length was advertising signs made to imitate railroad crossing signs. It was shown in the discussion that these signs had been the cause of several accidents, due to the fact that strangers traveling our roads seeing these signs thought they referred to railroad crossings, and coming upon them suddenly they tried to stop their machines and occasionally an accident has resulted. Then again seeing these signs, the driver stops and finding there is no railroad crossing, it begins to make them careless regarding regular railroad signs.

"The commission, therefore, passed the following resolution: 'That the county commissioners and road officials of the several counties of the State be requested to remove all signs along their highways, made in imitation of railroad signs, believing that such signs had been the cause of accidents, and will lead to further accidents.'

"If there are any such signs on any of your highways, we will appreciate it very much if you will try and see that such signs are removed. If they are on the right-of-way of the highway, you have full authority to remove such signs. If the are on private property, it will be well to request the owners to have any such signs removed. We shall try to have a law passed prohibiting the use of such signs."

INCREASES ITS BUSINESS

Great Atlantic Film Company Ad a Two Additional Films to Service

Two additional Charlie Chaplin features has been added by the Great Atlantic Feature Film Company, of Wilmington, of which Mr. Marx Nathan is general manager. This concern was organized a few months ago with its headquarters in Wilmington and now does an extensive distribution business throughout the Carolinas and Virginia.

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SOMETIMES RIGHT TO FIGHT

Dr. Hurt Thinks Christian Nations Sometimes Must go to War—Should be Prepared.

"Is it sin to fight?"

"Should a Christian nation go to war?"

Having propounded these two questions as the subject of his sermon at the First Baptist church last night, Dr. John J. Hurt, the pastor, answered the first by saying:

"If we have no country worth fighting for—yes."

"If we have no principles worth propagating—yes."

"If we have no manhood worth preserving—yes."

Answering the second question of his sermon subject, he said:

"Either go to war or go into oblivion."

It was a strikingly impressive sermon and was heard with close attention by an audience that filled the large church auditorium into the galleries. The whole service was characterized by a strain of militancy, Americanism and patriotism, but at the conclusion of the sermon there was a touch of tenderness when a brief prayer by the preacher was followed by the singing of 'Lead, Kindly Light," McKinley's favorite hymn, rendered very softly and sweetly by a quartette of mixed voices, while the congregation remained bowed. This was followed by the congregation singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers".

Dr. Hurt not only took the ground that it is sometimes right for Christian nations to go to war in self defense, but made it quite clear that he believes Christian nations are sometimes justified in going to war for to establish righteousness, maintain justice and to defend the weak who are oppressed and maltreated by the powerful and are helpess to defend themselves.

Having taken the ground that it sometimes become the duty of Christian nations to fight, he argued that it is therefore proper and necessary and expedient that such nations prepare to fight effectively and triumphantly, God never intended that a people should fight for a righteous cause and he defeated in doing so, he declared. He strongly advocated national preparedness on the part of the American nation at the present time and very effectively answered a number of the leading arguments that have been made against it in recent months and within the last three years.

He began his sermon by reciting "The Star Spangled Banner" in its entirety and closed by repeating the poem, "Lives there a man with soul so dead," etc.

Dr. Hurt has little patience with the idea that a great Christian nation should build an imaginary wall of seclusion about itself and given no heed to what the balance of the world does. He does not believe in such doctrine as applied to individual Christians, and no more does he subscribe to it as applied to Christian nations. He intimated very strongly in his sermon last night, though he did not say so in specific terms, that America owes an obligation to the oppressed Armenians and the Belgians, which she has not thus far discharged, in the way of defending the weak against the oppressive hand of the strong. He mentioned neither of these by name, however.

He asked his congregation what would be a man's duty if he were passing down one side of the street and saw a powerful man oppressing and punishing and maltreating a smaller and weaker one unable to defend himself while the latter cried out in appeals for help? Would the passer-by be justified in putting his hands in his pockets, closing his ears to the cry of distress and going along his way?

FUNERAL OF MRS. GREER

Services Conducted From Residence Yesterday by Rev. F. B. Clausen

In the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, the funeral of Mrs. Lee Greer, whose death occured Saturday morning, was held from the residence, No. 116 Market street, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

The deceased was a devoted member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church. She had been in failing health for several months before her death but bore her suffering with great fortitude. Her faith grew brighter as she realized that aproach of the end and she died in the full realization of the Christian hope.

Surviving besides her husband are three small children, Mildred, Grace and Lee, Jr., all of whom have the tender sympathy of many friends. There were many beautiful floral tributes sent by acquaintances.

The interment was in Bellevue cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. W. Buck, Hans Kure, O. O. Whitlock and W. Otersen.

HANSON AND KILONIS

Greek and Swede Will Clash in Columbia This Week

Fritz Hanson and John Kilonis, rivals of long standing on the wrestling mat, will meet at the Columbia theatre in Columbia, S. C., on the night of Wednesday, February 28, according to a report in yesterday's Columbia State.

Hanson and Kilonis have met many times in the past, but strange enough to say they have never been permitted to finish a match without some trouble or some mishap. Usually one of the pair gets hurt and the other then wins by default. In their last meeting, which was staged in Wilmington a few weeks ago, Kilonis declined to finish the match after his shoulder had been injured by Hanson in the first fall.

Kilonis is a good matman, and if he and Fritz lock horns in good condition, barring accidents, there should be some classy wrestling match in store for the Columbia fans.

OVER 2,000 ATTEND

First Baptist Church Again Leads in Sunday School Attendance.

According to reports from nine Sunday schools in the city yesterday, 2,158 persons attended their services during the day. The First Baptist as usual took the palm on individual attendance, but a number of other churches also made good showing. The total attendance reported is as follows:

First Baptist, 451; Grace Methodist, 298; Southside Baptist, 288; Calvary Baptist, 284; Church of the Good Shepherd, Expiscopae, 228; Delgado Baptist, 223; St. Paul's Lutheran, 219; Bladen Street Methodist, 136; South Wilmington Mission Baptist, 31.

SEVERELY CONDEMNS SUNDAY GOLF PLAYING

Dr. Wells Declares It is Shameful Violation of Sabbath.

Pastor of First Presbyterian Church Says Desecration of Sabbath is Starting Point For All Kinds Of Sinfulness.

Using for his text the words "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy," Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells at the morning service of the First Presbyterian church yesterday preached the most truly spiritual sermons of his life. In the course of his remarks, Dr. Wells quoted scripture to support every position he took and showed that Sabbath desecration has furnished the starting point for sins great and small.

The church and the Sabbath he likened unto religion and morality as going hand in hand and showed that one could not be hurt without harm being done the other. The church people, he said, should keep themselves "unspotted from the world" that they might always be in position to speak with consistency in behalf of the church in defense of religion, in favor of the Sabbath and Sabbath observance as well as for morality and virtue, for the reason that if the church people failed to stand up for the Sabbath and religion, who could be expected to be seen and heard in the defense of the church."

After roundly "roasting" Sabbath breaking regardless of the standing in life of those guilty of such desecration, Dr. Wells created a mild sensation by his attack upon Sunday golf playing at the links of the Country club and spared neither church member or non-member in his scathing criticism of such desecration.

Among other things he pointed out that "no man liveth unto himself" and said while it was bad enough for people of whom better things might be expected, possibly the greatest harm resulted from the example on the golf links Sunday afternoons by people who know better but whose shameful violation of the Sabbath is debauching the youth of the community who invariably flock around the links and participate in the same or some other form of debauchery.

Dr. Wells stated that the young churches and Sunday schools in the neighborhood of the golf links had complained to him that Sunday golf playing is one of the most demoralizing and stubborn influences that they have to contend with. For the sake of the youth of the land as well as for the preservation of the Sabbath and its religious observance, he hoped that of the land or well as for this source of iniquity and habit of sinfulness of a hydra-headed form would he put down.

REVIVAL ENDED LAST NIGHT

Services at Immanuel Church Came to Close Last Night With Powerful Sermon by Dr. Black.

The series of revival services conducted by Rev. Dr. William Black, which have been in progress at Immanuel Presbyterian church during the past week, came to a close last night with a powerful sermon by the evangelist, based on the 16th to 20th verses, inclusive, of the 19th chapter of St. Matthew. The church was filled to its capacity, and many were forced to stand during the services.

At the close of the services, the evangelist thanked the congregation for their faithful attendance at the meetings, the pastor and the officers and members of the church for the courtesies shown to him and Mr. Burr, his choir leader, during their stay here, and wished them one and all God speed on their voyage through life until they met again. The meeting came to a close with the singing of "In the Sweet By and By."

Dr. Black did not season his sermon with any evasive interpretations of the scriptures. He told his congregation in plain English that being a church member alone would avail them nothing save to fool the world and themselves. "It is time we were all examining our foundations," he declared, "and finding out before it is time for us to die, whether or not we are saved."

The speaker took the young man mentioned in his text as an object lesson. Here, he pointed out, was a man who believed that he had observed the ten commandments from his youth up to manhood, a man who was an officer in the synagogue and who gave his tithes to the poor, yet when he applied to the Saviour he found that there was still something lacking.

"Whatever sin is standing between you and Jesus Christ, get rid of it," admonished Dr. Black. "If you think that the Lord is going to make some special provision for you to get to Heaven, then you are sadly mistaken. Jesus says: 'I am the door, and all who believe in Me shall be saved.'"

One by one, Dr. Black took up the virtues of the young man mentioned in his text, and held them up as models of faith, of politeness and of humility.

Yet when he said "Good Master, what must I do to be saved?" Jesus replied that he must sell all that he had and give it to the poor. Like the young man's riches, declared the speaker, there was some sin standing between every one and the Saviour, and this sin must be removed before there was hope for salvation.

Dr. Black declared that he did not believe in funerals, where a man was lauded to the skies and preached into Heaven regardless of whether he was a Christian or hardened sinner. The graveside, he pointed out, is a mighty poor place to convert a man, and he had never heard of one being converted at a funeral.

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"PLUS SIGN OF HUMANITY"

The Human Personality is the Greatest Thing in the World, Declared Dr. W. H. Milton Yesterday.

The human personality is the greatest thing in the world, declared Rev. Dr. William H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, in an address before the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon. Dr. Milton was selected as the speaker to take the place of Former Governor Robert B. Glenn, who was prevented from filling the engagement on account of illness.

Speaking on the subject of "The Plus Sign of Humanity," Dr. Milton delivered a masterly discourse on the eternal struggles and failures and successes of mankind. During the course of his lecture, he illustrated the more important points brought out on a blackboard. He pointed out sacrifice, service, success, salvation and sanctity as the elements of the plus sign.

The human personality, according to Dr. Milton, is the dominant influence of every human life. It may be small, almost insignificant, but nevertheless it is there. Literally, he declared, many believe the personality to be a spark from the anvil of God's spirit. Dr. Milton pointed out that no one should be ashamed of their personality or should offer to make an excuse for it.

Referring to the great work that Billy Sunday, the famous baseball evangelist is doing in the world to hasten the coming of God's kingdom, Dr. Milton declared that he disliked to hear any criticism of his method of work. He realized, he said, that Sunday was doing a work that he himself could not do and one that other ministers of the church could not do.

Sacrifice said the speaker, is not a thing to be left for the soldiers on the battlefield, and for other popular heroes to make, but something that all should and must do in order to render efficient service and attain success.

"We came into this world," declared Dr. Milton, "by the sacrifice of our mothers, and all who render efficient service to themselves or their employers must make some sacrifices."

CHANGE DATE OF MEETING

Rotarians Will Meet in Charlotte on April 14 Instead of April 7.

The date for the convention of Rotarians in Chalotte has been changed from April 7 to April 14, according to a letter from Mr. Thomas B. McAdams, governor of the fourth district of Rotary clubs. The Wilmington Rotary club will send a delegation to the convention.

The greater portion of the membership of the 15 clubs comprised in the fourth district is expected at the Charlotte conclave. A committee is now busily engaged upon the task of preparing a suitable programme for the meeting, which will include not only the business sessions, but a number of social events, among which is a prospective golf tournament at the Charlotte Country club.

LITTLE INTEREST IS SHOWN

It Hasn't Yet Begun to "Warm Up" for the Approaching Municipal Election in Wilmington.

The absence of a line of demarcation by which to determine how the voters of Wilmington are going to "line up" in the approaching municipal election is ascribed by political wiseacres as being the cause of the general apathy among those generally interested in how an election is going to turn out.

Some of the "knowing ones" had thought the lack of interest in the election, which is less than two months off, is due to the present strained diplomatic relations between this country and Germany, which has claimed the attention of the public during the past few weeks, or else to the action of Congress in passing a "bone dry" prohibition bill, but those better acquainted with political conditions declare that such is not the case.

Political veterans declare that the independent voter is more in evidence than ever before. It used to be in the "good old days" that political factions existed, which made it possible to predict with some degree of certainty as to just how an election was going before the votes were cast, but those days have passed, according to the politically wise. Now the voter exercises his American right to think as he pleases, they declare, and will vote as he thinks best without regard to what any "leader" may think. In other words, no man holds a certain number of votes in his pocket, so to speak, to deliver to the candidate, whom he may favor.

Whether or not this line of speculation is correct, it is a fact that from outward appearances at least there is little inclination to discuss candidates or measures. This does not mean, however, that there will not be a large vote cast or that there will not be plenty of interest at the right time.

There is still talk of a change in the form of city government but for the present at least the majority of voters seem inclined "to let well enough alone." The cohsensus of opinion seems to be that it will be well enough to wait until the Legislature passes the Statewide bill, providing for towns and cities to select for themselves the kind of government they want, before undertaking to secure a change, if one is desired.

No new candidates for mayor have announced themselves, nor does there seem to be any definite opinion as to anyone who will enter the race. Mayor Moore announced his candidacy some time ago, while Councilman B. A. Merritt will be in the race to oppose him. Other than this, it is pure speculation as to a third candidate with little definite assurance that there will be.

From the Sixth ward comes the report that Mr. W. P. McGlaughon will be in he race for councilman against the present incumbent, Mr. W. D. McCaig, while it is understood that Councilman James M Hall, from the Fourth ward, will have Messrs. H. C Gaddis and Oscar Peck as opponents, and perhaps others. The line up against Councilman Jones in the First remains the same Claude C. Cashwell, Esq., and Messrs. W. A. Sue, Waler G. Bossch and L. L. Shepard have already announced their candidacy and are letting no grass grow under their feet. There will be no lack of interest in that part of the city in the approaching election.

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EXPECT INTERESTING MEETING

R. D. Dickson, Esq., Will Address the Speakers' Club Tonight.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Speakers' club tonight at 8:15 o'clock the members and their friends will have the pleasure of hearing R. D. Dickson, Esq., of this city, in a short address upon the subject of "Public Speaking." This programme has been made possible as a result of an invitation which was extended to Mr. Dickson at a recent meeting of the Speakers' club.

The club members are all vitally interested in the subject of public speaking, and it is expected that every member will be present tonight. Any man in the city of Wilmington who is interested in the kind of work which the Speakers' club is doing will be welcome at the meetings of the club at all times, and the officers of the organization hope that a large number of visitors will find it possible to attend the meeting tonight.

The regular class work in elocution, under the leadership of Dr. E. S. Bullock, will be participated in by all the members of the club from 9 to 9:30 o'clock, and following this there will be a short business meeting.

Next Monday the club will debate the following question: "Resolved,—That in the best interests of all concerned, the negro should be encouraged to remain in the South." This promises to be a very interesting debate. Mr. K. B. Knudsen will lead the affirmative side while Emmett Bellamy, Esq., will head the negative.

ST. PAUL'S NEW RECTOR WILL ARRIVE NEXT MONTH

Rev. Duvall L. Gathmey Accepts Call Recently Extended To Him.

Rev. Duvall L. Gwathmey, of Waynesboro, Va., who has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Paul's Episcopal church, this city, is expected to arrive about March 20th. Rev. A. W. Seabrease, a former rector of the church, will serve as rector until his arrival.

The new rector succeeds Rev. E. deF. Heald, who recently resigned after serving very acceptably in this capacity for the past three years. Mr. Heald has not as yet announced his future plans but it is understood that he expects to leave the city at an early date. At the time he announced his resignation, Mr. Heald agreed to continue as rector until his sucessor could arrive but as it was found that Mr. Seabrease would be in the city for some time, the latter was asked to take charge. The members of the congregation appreciate the very faithful and loyal service Mr. Heald has rendered as rector and it is with regret that they see hm leave. He is a most excellent preacher and minister and has accomplished splendid work during his rectorship.

The new rector is still a young man but is well prepared for the duties that will devolve upon him and comes highly recommended. He is unmarried and will have his home at the residence of Mrs. Thomas C. James on Market street.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. H. M. Kehler and children, of Columbia, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. A. G. Alderman, No. 1707 North Fourth street.

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The Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. G. King, No. 315 Chestnut street.

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Mr. T. M. Pridgen, who is now engaged in railroad work at Sanford, is expected home today to visit his mother.

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Mrs. C. L. Dickinson and daughter, Miss Marjorie, of Asheville, who have been visiting friends in the city, have gone to Raleigh for a short stay before returning home.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Fearrington, of Winston-Salem, are visiting their doughter, Mrs. A. B. Croom, Jr., Carolina Heights.

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Mrs. D. W. Greene and little daughter have arrived from Mullins, S. C., to join Dr. Greene, who is an interne in the James Walker Memorial hospital.

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Wilmington friends will be interested in learning that Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pearson Parker, of Washington, D. C., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Hardin, to Dr. William Otis Bailey, United States Navy, formerly of Charleston, S. C.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. James P. Harris have as their guest at their home on Vail avenue, Colonial Heights, Mrs. Harris' mother and sister, Mrs. Robert Northrop and Miss Beverly Northrop, of Wilmington. Mrs. Northop will spend six weeks or longer here with Mr. and Mrs. Harris."

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WEDDING OF MUCH INTEREST WAS SOLEMNIZED AT BOLTON

Bolton, N. C., Feb. 25.—In the presence of about 200 friends at the hotel Bolton this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Miss Annie Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Campbell, of East Arcadia, became the bride of Mr. George A. Nye, of this place. The ceremony was performed by Justice H. E. Clark, the vows being said in the hotel parlors.

The groom is a well known young farmer and contractor while Mrs. Nye is a popular and accomplished young woman with a host of friends.

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WILL SING FIRST PART OF ORATORIO "ELIJAH" TONIGHT

The presentation of the first section of the famous oratorio of "Elijah" by the Wilmington Choral Society in the Memorial hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tonight beginning promptly at 8:15 o'clock will be a notable musical event in local circles. The Choral Society has had this masterpiece in preparation for many months and as some of the most talented and accomplished musicians of the city are members of the chorus some exceptional singing may be expected. The oratorio will be presented under the direction of Mr. E. H. Munson.

The opening section of the oratorio, which will be sung tonight, begins with a short recitative—Elijah's prohpecy of a drought—which leads into a short overture indicative of the distress which is to follow; and in the first part are to be heard the duet for two sopranos, "Lord Bow Thine Ear to Our Prayer," and the equally beautiful quartette, "For He Shall Give His Angels Charge Over Thee," the melody of which though simple, is worked up with skillful effect. The episode of the raising of the widow's son ends with the chorus, "Blessed Are the Men Who Fear Him."

There will be no charge for admission and no collection taken although an opportunity will be given those desiring to do so to contribute to an offering for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society under whose auspices the production will be given.

LOCAL DOTS

—There will be a meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock of the joint committee from the three local Masonic lodges to arrange for a ladies' night. The meeting will be held in the office of Mr. Alexander S. Holden in the Masonic Temple.

—The Norwegian steamer Thorbjorn, which brought a cargo of nitrates from South America to be discharged at the Atlantic Coast Line terminals, cleared Saturday night for Norfolk, Va., where she will take on a cargo. The vessel was consigned to Heide & Co., at this port.

Yesterday's Richmond Virginian: "Notice of the death of the infant son of Colonel and Mrs. John W. Burton, of Arcadia, Fla., was telepraphed here yesterday. Mrs. Burton is the daughter of the late Mrs. Nellie H. Owen, of Richmond, and the sister of Aubrey L. Owen and H. Malcolm Owen, the latter of Wilmington, N. C."

—The high cost of paper will make the new Wilmington city directory cost $1 more than has been the case. It has also been decided by the Hill Directory Company, of Richmond, Va., to publish a directory every year instead of every two years as formerly. This will make the directory far more serviceable and will no doubt meet with cordial approval on the part of the public.

—A number of "Made in Wilmington" flags are on exhibition in the office of the Board of Education. These flags were made by the various sewing classes in the different schools of the city and are splendid specimens of handiwork. Supt. John J. Blair says that they were produced for about half the cost it would have been necessary to pay for them, if they had been purchased ready made.

Steamer Iser Sunk.

London, Feb. 25.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamer Iser, 2,160 tons gross.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: Henry Beattie, Tomohawk; H. M. Woodward, Goldsboro; P. Aulider, Greensboro.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were Victor Motz, Fayetteville; J. Gregory, Durham; J. W. Cherry, Elm City; G. W. Todd, Charlotte; J. F. Bussells, Southport; T. Wallace, Bolton.

—Mr. James Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Former, who was recently given an oppointment as cadet at the Naval Academy by Congressman Godwin, left last night for Annapolis, Md., to enter the preparatory school to get ready for the mental examination in June.

—Mr. William Patterson, a namesake of the late William A. Patterson, who passed away in 1888 and who is remembered by many of the older citizens here, has been in the city for several days and has been so favorably impressed with Wilmington that he has decided to enter the drug business in a few weeks.

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS ARE TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION

Leaders Planning "Round Up" in Washington on March 5.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Republican leaders of the House are planning a "round up" here on March 5, of members of their party elected to the next Congress, to discuss the speakership and other organization questions. Opinion is general among Republican leaders that Representative Mann will be nominated for speaker without opposition and that Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, will be named floor leader if Mr. Mann is elected. Who will be floor leader if Mr. Mann should fail of election is receiving little consideration and no discussion.

A steering committee to advise with the floor leader and keep him in touch with the sentiment of the entire Republican side is being strongly urged by Progressive-Republicans. One of the chief complaints the progressively inclined members have been at the present sessions is that Representative Mann has not consulted the wishes of the Republican membership in regard to pending legislation.

Rumors of trades for the independent vote, involving both Senate and House leaders, are numerous. Proffer of an invitation by the five independents to Miss Jeanette Rankin, of Montana, the newly elected woman representative, to join with them in the preliminary discussion of House organization, has not disturbed the Republicans. They profess confidence that she will prove a "regular" Republican.

RENEWS CHARGES AGAINST FORMER RUSSIAN PREMIER

Prof. Milukoff Invites Full Investigation of Sturmer's Conduct.

London, Feb. 25.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that Prof. Paul Milukoff, leader of the constitutional democrats, has issued a statement reiterating the charges made last November against M. Sturmer, then premier, and inviting the fullest investigation of the former premier's conduct.

M. Milukoff asserts that if the political controversy were to be transferred to the courts he would be able to produce evidence completely substantiating his charges.

Professor Milukoff was one of the leaders in the attack on the government last November, which was followed by the retirement of Premier Sturmer. Owing to the censorship, the exact nature of the charges has not been related, but it was made known that various members of the duma made a series of sensational disclosures, and that the duma united in a formula directed against the "dark forces" which it was convinced were undermining the nation's best efforts in the war."

WILL NOT FIGHT U. S. UNLESS HONOR IS IMPUGNED

Minister Brings Message From Japanese Vice-Minister of State.

Baltimore, Feb. 25.— The Rev. C. S. Reifsnider, president of St. Paul's College, Tokio, Japan, in an address here today, delivered a message which he said the Japanese vice-minister of state had bidden him give the American people.

"Japan," read the message, "will never go to war with the United States unless the United States impugns Japan's honor."

By "honor" Dr. Reifsnider said the minister had meant such things as the alien laws in California, and restrictions on immigration.

"I did not consider the message as a threat," said Dr. Reifsnider. "It impressed me as the expression of a desire to placate the United States."

TWENTY GIANT PLAYERS REACH TRAINING GROUND

Marlin, Texas, Feb. 25.—Secretary Brannic, of the New York National League club, and a squad of twenty players, mostly recruits, arrived at the Griants' training camp here today for spring practice. Manager McGraw, who stopped in Viginia to secure the signature of Dave Robertson to a contract, is expected to arrive Wednesday.

The men are expected to put in a busy day on the hand ball courts tomorrow. Baseball practice will not begin for several days.

NEUTRAL ENVOYS CONFER WITH GERMAN AUTHORITIES

London, Feb. 25.—The German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, is reported by the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent to have invited the ambassadors and ministers of neutral countries to a conference yesterday at the foreign office, in which Foreign Secretary Zimmermann took part.

Will Intern Submarine.

London, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Flushing says the German submarine UB-30 which stranded on the Dutch island of Walcheren, in the North Sea, last week, will be disarmed and interned at Flushing. The crew of the under-water boat also will be interned.

Cassie Hurley

Hawaiian dances—Royal Today.
(advertisement.)

FOOD RIOT LEADER BEING ARRESTED.

This picture shows the police arresting Marie Ganz in City Hall Park, N. Y. The high cost of living has resulted in New York in riots in many of the poor sections of the city. The photograph shows one of the leaders who was arrested. She was subsequently released, and headed one of the committees of protest to the Mayor.

CONGRESS ENTERS ITS FINAL WEEK ALMOST SWAMPED

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House by Wednesday at the latest. The District of Columbia committee has agreed to report it by Tuesday noon, but with amendments tacking on a referendum vote and "bone dry" provisions. The prohibitionists are planning to fight all amendments, as the change of word would necessitate opening the whole question anew in the Senate.

Representative Randall, of California, leading the prohibition fight, announced today that no friend of prohibition would be fooled by the District committee's coup of putting a "bone dry" provision into the bill, designed to put the prohibitionists into the position of voting against "bone dry" in order to get the bill through at this session.

"If the liquor advocates want 'bone dry' legislation," he said, "we will press a separate measure through to provide for it as soon as Congress reconvenes in December."

Opposition to Emergency Bills

The House judiciary committee will meet Tuesday in an effort to report the espionage and other emergency bills passed by the Senate. There is considerable opposition to them and their fate is doubtful. The shipping board law amendments, designed to empower the new shipping board to take over craft being built under foreign orders in American ship yards, are pending in both houses.

The rules committee's prolonged "leak inquiry" will be wound up early this week, when the House will dispose of the committee's report finding that no official leak was shown.

Virtually all hope of getting the Webb nation-wide prohibition amendment before the House this session has been abandoned by House leaders.

Prohibitionists think, however, that if the Reed "bone dry" amendment to the postoffice bill and the District of Columbia prohibition bill become laws they will have had a big year.

May Change Senate Rules

The President, having called an extra session of the Senate consider nominations and the Colombian treaty, there is a strong probability that this branch of the Congress will remain at work for many weeks. Even if ratification of the Colombian treaty should be impossible, the opportunity afforded for changing the long established rules of the Senate is not going to be overlooked by a large croup of senators who have been fighting for years to liberalize them. Senator Owens, chairman of the special committee appointed a year ago to revise the rules, is preparing to agitate this subject in the special session, and he will have the aid of some of the Progressive-Republicans in advocating a form of modified cloture which would make impossible such filibusters against important legislation as had been threatened and may yet be resorted to in the present legislative crisis.

Eulogies to Dead Members.

Both houses held sessions today for eulogies of dead members of Congress. Tributes were paid in the House to the late Representatives Brown and Moss, of West Virginia; Finley, of South Carolina, and Tribble, of Georgia, and in the Senate to Senator Burleigh, of Maine.

KOSHER BUTCHER SHOPS IN PHILADELPHIA TO BE CLOSED

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—At a mass meeting called by the Kosher Butchers' Association today a vote was taken on the question of whether the butchers should charge 24 and 26 cents a pound for Kosher beef or close their shops. The unanimous decision was "close your shops." Accordingly, it was announced that none of the 400 members of the association would sell meat until the price is reduced to 22 cents a pound.

At the same meeting most of those present said they would not permit their children to attend school "because they are too weak from lack of proper food to study and attend classes."

Last Giant Player Signs

New York, Feb. 25.—Outfielder David Robertson, the only player who had failed to come to terms with the New York National League club, has signed a contract for the 1917 season, it was announced by the club tonight.

Arriving For Training.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 25.—Members of the New York American League club began to come into Macon today for spring practice due to begin tomorrow. Manager Donovan and the main squad will arrive early tomorrow in a special car. Ten players had reached here tonight.

BRANDS THE U. S. ARMY AS LAWLESS ORGANIZATION

Representative Callaway Says it Never Acts According to Law.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Opposing a declaration of war against Germany, Congressman Oscar Callaway, of Texas, at a mass meeting today, criticised the American soldier as a violator of civilized laws.

"The army never acts in accordance with law," he said. "Do you remember Sherman's march to the sea when he burned Atlanta and violated every law of civilization?" His answer to critics was "War is Hell."

"If we go into war now, our soldiers will act as they have always acted since their were any soldiers. Soldiers are trained to kill people."

Declaration of war against Germany, he said, would be "like a hanging where everyone in the mob wants to get a whack at the victim. Of course," he continued, "an injury has been done, but why not be as big nationally as individually?"

"Had we not better stand by ourselves than stand by the President?" the speaker asked, after stating that the citizens would pay the costs of war in taxes. "President Wilson has reached the end of his tether and it is now up to Congress to act. Let us give them our opinion to help their decision."

He criticised newspapers as being "not perfectly honest," saying that some were subsidized by munitions makers. "Let the American people speak out and set a Christian example," he said. "Don't let Congress think that newspapers portray public opinion. And, for God's sake, keep these meetings going."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Emergency Peace Committee of Massachusetts to protest against war.

GERMANY HOPES CHINA WILL REMAIN FRIENDLY

But Says She Cannot Alter Her Ruthless Submarine Campaign

Peking, Feb. 25.—Dr. Yen Hui Ching, Chinese minister to Germany, has sent a cablegram to Dr. Wu Ting-Fang, the Chinese foreign minister, announcing that the German foreign office had verbally informed the minister that Germany could not alter her submarine campaign, but that she would respect the lives of Chinese and their property and hoped China would not break off diplomatic relations.

The minister added that Germany also promised to do her utmost to secure China's participation in the peace conference if friendly relations between the two countries were maintained.

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(advertisement.)

PUBLISHERS WILL GIVE VIEWS TO TRADE COMMISSION

Will Tell What They Think of Paper Makers' Price-Fixing Plan.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Newspaper publishers invited here from throughout the United States will give the Federal Trade Commission thier views tomorrow on a proposal by newsprint paper manufacturers that the commission fix prices for their product. Consent of the publishers generally is awaited before the commission will agree to arbitrate differences between the paper makers and the publishrs.

Offiers of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, who have been here for several days, have indicated they will approve the proposal if it promises in addition to lower prices a restoration of free competition in newsrint manufacture.

Before endorsing it, however, they want they proposal signed by the manufacturers representing at the least 50 per cent. of the newsprint tonnage and also the signatures of all members of the executive committee of the Newsprint Manufacturers' Association.

Publishers arriving tonight comprised largely those who have purchased their paper from manufacturers who joined in the price fixing suggestion. It is generally believed the publishers will approve the plan and that the trade commission within a few days fill announce acceptance of the manufacturers' suggestion.

HUNDRED "BLIND TIGERS" ARE ARRESTED IN NORFOLK

Eight Different Houses are Raided by Police Department

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 25.—In the biggest series of raids ever pulled off in this city, the police department tonight entered eight different houses, securing a large quantity of bottled whiskey, and rounded up fully one hundred offenders. A score of women were among the arrested, charged, the police say, with operating illegal houses, as well as running blind tigers, the police allege.

The raids were pulled off simultaneously in eight different sections of the city. There was no disorder.

COLONEL JAMES A. BRYAN SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 25.—Friends all over North Carolina of Colonel James A. Bryan, former president of the A. & N. C. railroad and at present president of the National Bank of New Bern, will regret to learn that he has suffered a partial stroke of paralysis.

Col. Bryan was sitting in his office when the attack came. His throat and vocal organs were most affetced and for hours it was impossible for him to speak. However, he has somewhat recovered and the attending physician hopes to pull him through. Only a few weeks ago Col. Bryan suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

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CLEWS' BUSINESS REVIEW

Nation's Preparedness Measures—Europe to Draw Heavily on U. S. During Reconstruction—Financial

By HENRY CLEWS

New York, Feb. 25.—The question what will happen in event of war with Germany is still uppermost in business circles. Undoubtedly there would be considerable temporary excitement over such an eventuality, even though long expected. Plans for adjustment to such a contingency have been completed for some time past. Federal State and city governments are well prepared for all immediate possibilities, and there will be no lack of energy in preserving peace within our own borders. All forms of disorder will unquestionably be promptly and firmly dealt with. Military and naval plans are well advanced, although considerable time wil be required for their execution. In the event of war, loyalty in action to the Government will be the first duty of every citizen, regardless of birth or sympathy. Every good citizen will do his bit toward pushing the war to a successful end. Nothing should be left undone for strengthening the hands of the President upon whom a tremendous responsibility rests. He should be given necessary power and freedom in order to properly meet that responsibility. If war comes, it will be a time for action rather than discussion. Fortunately, Congress adjourns March 4th, which should relieve the President of much embarrassment, the country being quite content to trust his judgment. Of course, Congress alone can declare war, but there should be no hesitation in that body about trusting the President as far as possible. He has most patiently exerted every effort to avoid war; not a few believing that he has been too patient, and that our forbearance has been mistaken for weakness. His course, however, will have the advantage of proving that this country has not been the aggressor. These remarks are based upon a danger that Americans sincerely hope will be safely passed. This country does not want war with Germany, as is self-evident on all sides. If it comes, we should as a nation take it calmly. Some excitement may occur at first, but our people should promptly recover their poise, and accept the situation as did the countries of Europe to whom the consequences were infinitely more serious. Business may be deranged for a few weeks until banking and industrial establishments have adjusted themselves to new conditions. But mobilization plans in these directions are already far advanced, and there is reason to believe that within a few weeks the new system would be working fairly smoothly. War would of course immensely stimulate a number of home industries, particularly those fitted to meet military and naval demands. The Federal Government would undoubtedly take no many new activities and impose a variety of new and perhaps inconvenient regulations as war measures. Our banking system, effectively backed and solidfied by the Federal Reserve Board, is ready for any emergency. A large Government loan is imminent, rumor saying $500,000,000 at 3 per cent. and would be very promptly taken, as would others that might follow.

One effect of the war will be a heavy increase in taxation. Under existing plans the outlay for the navy without war will be nearly $500,000,000 in the year ending June 30, 1918, and the outlays for preparedness the next fiscal year will aproximate $1,000,000,000, compared with $613,000,000 for the fiscal year ending next June. It is quite evident we are in for heavy taxes for several years to come, and considerable bond issues, which of course will be heavily augmented in case of actual hostilities. War would without doubt be accompanied by a period of intense industrial activity in certain lines; also continued inflation in values owing to scarcity of many commodities, derangement of distribution and the further drain upon labor supplies for military necessities. In all probability such prosperity will be of limited duration, especially as European belligerents are expecting an early ending of the war. Then will follow the stimulating period of reconstruction in Europe which will make heavy demands upon American industry simply because we are in a better position to furnish Europe with immediate supplies than any other nation. It has been estimated that $6,000,000,000 will be necessary to restore the devastated regions into habitable and workable conditions. Railroads and highways will have to be rebuilt; likewise cities, towns and farms. Many industrial establishments will also have to be rebuilt, calling for large quantities of machinery and fabricated materials. The amount just named apparently does not cover vast sums required to replace and repair worn out shipping and railroads of the belligerents. All means of transportation have been tremendously overtaxed outside of the war zone, and there has been neither time nor money to maintain equipment in proper condition. For several years to come Europe will need our money and the products of our industries beyond all precedent. Doubtless we shall continue exporting raw materials and agricultural products upon a large scale, but the striking feature in our export trade for months after the war will be the great expansion in shipments of manufactures. We shall, therefore, have to lend Europe when her people cannot pay. And this we may do generously, for such a policy will bring its own reward in maintaining prosperity within the United States.

The domestic transportation situation seems to be improving. Congestion has not been due so much to the scarcity of cars as to the inability of the railroads to handle an expansion of traffic out of all proportion to their capacity. By co-operation toward more efficient handing cars, the scarcity problem has been partly solved. The small delay in exports owing to submarine activities, only served to aggravate this inability, and was not a primary cause. Prolonged cold weather was a serious inconvenience, but February is usually a trouble month for the railroads, severe temperatures often seriously affecting motive power. The fundamental difficulty with the railroads, however, is a lack of terminal facilities, including loading, unloading and warehousing of freight. Terminal facilities are tremendously costly, especially in the great centers of traffic; and the railroads, hampered by discouraging legislation, have been unable to secure revenue and profits enough to attract new capital for development purposes. In fact the public, led by short-sighted political leaders, is now suffering from the effects of ignorant antagonism against the railroads. Capital has been driven away, and the public is paying the penalty of its own folly; hesitation on part of the Interestate Commerce Commission to do justice to the railroads being a further embarrassment.

Our export trade continues booming, the total for January being $613,000,000, which is much the largest on record. Our imports for the same month were $241,000,000, leaving an excess of exports for the month of $371,000,000. This abnormal excess of exports creates an interesting exchange situation, especially as the extraordinarily successful placing of the last British bond issue will result in further large war orders for the United States. Another result suggested is the continued large imports of gold, as well as further sales of foreign held securities in settlement of British obligations.

The market for securities during the week has displayed a substantial undertone, suggesting that the first phase of the actue strain that has been reached with Germany has been successfully negotiated. Nervous holders have sold and their action seems to have left the techinical position in an improved condition.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Nominal.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; tar, $2.00-9c.; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine 1
Rosin 5
Tar 159
Crude Turpentine 90

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 68 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; same day last year, 11¼c.

Receipts — 22 bales; same day last year, 34 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 77,538 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 147,325 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 24.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 70c to 80c bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 25c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—Dull, 32c to 34c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 24.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co. Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 24.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market firm, $1.60 per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo 4½c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4¼c per lb.; Prime, 4c per lb.; Shelling stock, 3¾ to 3¾c. per lb.

BALTIMORE TO BUY FOOD DIRECT FROM THE FARMER

Reduction of Prices 25 Per Cent. Expected From New Scheme.

Baltimore, Feb. 25.—In an effort to smash high food prices in this city, the Baltimore municipal government will deal direct with the farmer and the householder. After a conference between Mayor Preston and the board of estimate today, it was announced that tomorrow 24 five-ton municipal automobile trucks will be sent into the counties around the city to bring in products, chiefly potatoes, eggs, cabbage, spinach and onions. The food will be paid for out of a city contingent fund and will be sold in limited quantities to the householders to prevent speculators taking advantage of the reduced prices.

Mayor Preston said he expected to lower the consumer's cost by 25 per cent, and that the trucks would go into the country each day until the local situation was ameliorated.

"That Girlie Trio."
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(advertisement.)

STOCKS MOVED CAUTIOUSLY

Greater Tension in German Crisis and Uncertainty Over Relations With Other Nations Affect Market

New York, Feb. 25.—Greater tension in the relations between Washington and Berlin and the uncertainty attending the relations between the home government and Germany's allies were overshadowed in the stock market last week, only by the increased restrictions upon imports announced later in the week by the British government. Dealings at all times were moderate.

That Great Britain's drastic embargo must work to the detriment of this country's export trade seems to be accepted as an obvious fact. To what extent articles under the ban may be offset by increased purchases of our raw materials, for example iron ore, copper and other metals, remains to be seen.

Inquiry for securities from investment sources continues disappointing. The status of the bond market is likely to remain more or less doubtful pending definite announcement of financing for emergencies by the government at Washington. Sale during the week of a large amount of Bethlehem Steel short term notes and the decision of the Southern Railway Company not to sell bonds but issue notes to meet impending obligations and pay for necessary improvements, were in themselves significant features of the narrow demand for high-grade securities.

In the stock market all the more prominent issues were subject to irregular fluctuations. In the main, rails were more firm than industrials, while war and semi-war shares received much of their propulsion from pools and speculative interests.

Banking interests continue to discourage anything like a revival of last year's extravagant operations in the stock market, although they are on record as saying that a crisis in the situation with Fermany is likely to be followed by another boom in equipments and munitions.

Domestic inquiry for steel, copper and kindred materials was facilitated by a lessening of the recent freight congestion. Numerous orders for railway equipment were placed during the week.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON REVIEW

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—Last week was a dull one in the cotton market, with trading broken up by two holidays but the tone was steady throughout and prices were held above the level of the previ us week's close. At the highest actixe months were 59 to 66 points up and the close was at a gain of 33 to 42 points over the preceding week's final figures.

The main steadying influence came frome statistics. A marked shrinkage in supplies, a small movement in sight, large takings and a fairly large export movement, in spite of all shipping difficulties, fostered bullish sentiment, but continued uncertainty over international politics moderated buying.

Friday was first notice day for March, and it brought tenders of only 600 bales out of a stock of over 400,000. Premier Lloyd-George's speech before the British house of commons had a temporary unsettling effect, but the market steadied again on the weekend. At all times a good spot demand was reported, but trading in the actual stuff was small.

The trade this week will watch closely for new developments in the spot department, but the general ides seems to be that trading will be restricted until international politics become more settled.

SHAKESPEAREAN PAGEANT

Will Be Given Again This Spring at University of North Carolina.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, Feb. 25.—Following up the idea of the Shakespearean pageant held at the University last year, another pageant will be given this spring on the same general plan if not as elaborate scale as the one last spring. The general arrangements committee, with Prof. J. H. Hanford at the head, has invited the Omega Delta Society and the Chapel Hill Community club to co-operate in formulating the plans and putting the thing through as they did last year.

A Shakespearean play—"Twelfth Night"—will be presented in the evening by students of the University and a few ladies of the community. The acting version has come and try-outs will begin Monday under the direction of Professor McKie. The afternoon will be given over to a kind of community festival in which the children of the public schols, townspeople, and ladies of the community will have a part. More emphasis will be laid this year on songs and dances. Another feature of the afternoon programme will be the presentation of several one-act plays written by students. The purpose of the committee in giving these plays is to encourage the expression of original talent in dramatic production. Pantomimes and the like may also be given a place in the programme. In all original productions the committee is especially anxious to get scenes connected with the early history of the University.

A permanent outdoor stage will be erected for the pageant this year. Several spots are under consideration, as, for instance, the gentle slope back of the new power plant where a little stream would render the acoustic effects admirable. It is the intention of the stage committee to construct a permanent outdoor theatre that will seat several thousand people.

WILL PLANT GARDENS TO BRING DOWN HIGH PRICES

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, Feb. 25.—The citizens of New Bern and of the surrounding towns are planning to plant a larger number of gardens during the coming season than has ever been the case and are going to do their part toward cutting down the high cost of living.

Every back lot in New Bern that is large enough to sprout a few heads of cabbage, a hill or two of beans and a few tomato vines is going to be utilized in this campaign against H. C. of L. and it is believed that this is going to prove effective.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February 26, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 47 degrees; at 8 P. M., 51 degrees; maximum, 58 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.18 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 23 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Cloudy Monday and Tuesday, probably rain; warmer in east portions Monday, colder Tuesday.

The Port Calendar, Feb. 26, 1917.

Sun rises ... ...6:45 A. M.
Sun sets... ... ...6:06 P. M.
Day's length ... ...11 hrs. 21 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	1:11	1:34	8:34	8:43
Southport	11:23	11:57	5:31	5:43
Masonboro Inl	11:12	11:46	5:11	5:23

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
February 25, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene. .	clear	90	—	.0
Asheville .	clear	56	36	.0
Atlanta. .	clear	64	46	.0
Augusta .	clear	68	52	.0
Baltimore .	pt cldy	40	—	.0
Birmingh .	clear	74	46	.0
Boston. . .	clear	26	—	.0
Charleston .	cldy	64	54	.0
Charlotte .	clear	62	42	.0
Chicago. .	cldy	46	—	.0
Galveston .	clear	70	58	.0
Jacksonv .	pt cldy	70	62	.0
Memphis. .	cldy	76	—	.0
Mobile. . .	clear	70	64	.01
Montgom'y .	clear	74	52	.0
New Orl. .	clear	76	64	.0
New York .	clear	34	—	.0
Oklahoma.	pt cldy	84	—	.0
Palestine .	clear	84	58	.0
Pittsburg. .	cldy	50	—	.0
Raleigh .	clear	58	40	.0
Savannah .	pt cldy	66	56	.0
Shreveport .	clear	80	—	.0
St. Louis. .	clear	68	—	.0
Washing'n	pt. cldy	44	—	.0

WAKE FOREST BALL TEAM UNDERGOING STIFF PRACTICE

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 25.—With forty candidates on the field Coach Billings is putting the aspirants for the Wake Forest 'varsity baseball team through a stiff work out every day the weather permits the first call for candidates having been issued last week.

From last year's team the coach has six 'varsity players around which to build his team. The outfield remains intact, although someone has to be found to replace Captain Ellis when he is working in the box. Heradon, who played left field last season, hitting for an average of .300, and Harris, who alternated with Farree, form the other two out-fielders. In Ellis, Harndon, and Harris, the team has trio of fast reliable fielders who should hit .300 and better.

Captain Helding, first base; Samms, second base, and Robbey, third base, will be missing from the infield this spring, leaving Carlyle at shortstop as the only veteran.

BAPTISTS' SCHEDULE SHOWS TOTAL OF SIX TRACK MEETS

(Special Star Correspondence)

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 25.—The schedule for the Wake Forest College track team, as announced by Manager Warren, embraces a series of six meets in addition to the state meet, and is one of the heaviest ever arranged.

The new field which was first used last fall at the interclass meet should be in excellent condition for the two meets that will be held on it this spring. A and M. sends her squad to Wake Forest on March 24th for the first engagement of the season, while the second meet on the local field will be with Elon College.

The University of Virginia has offered Manager Warren a meet for April 16th in Charlottesville, Va., which he will in all probability accept.

LEE MONUMENT UNVEILING AT GETTYSBURG JUNE 8

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—Governor Henry C. Stuart today fixed June 8 as the date for unveiling the manument to Robert E. Lee at Gettysburg. Governors of Southern states with their uniformed staffs are expected to attend.

SAILING OF THE BELGIAN RELIEF VESSELS RESUMED

London, Feb. 24.—The Belgian Relief Commission announced that the sailing of relief vessels from overseas ports to and from Rotterdam has been resumed. The vessels will proceed by way of the Northern route and will be furnished with German safe conduct passes has heretofore.

Report Sinking 21 Vessels

Amsterdam, Feb. 25 (via London).—A Berlin dispatch says submarines which have returned to their base report that they have sunk eleven steamships, two sailing vessels and eight trawlers.

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 42 6:15 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.
No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points.	No.58 9:25 A. M. Daily except Sunday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
!6:30 A.M.	!6:30 A.M.	x!6:30 A.M.	z!7:05 A.M.	!7:15 A.M.	!7:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	*7:20 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
!8:30 A.M.	!8:30 A.M.	x!8:30 A.M.	z!9:05 A.M.	!9:15 A.M.	!9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	.....	!10:20 A.M.	!10:31 A.M.
!1:00 P.M.	!1:00 P.M.	!1:00 P.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
o1:55 P.M.	o1:55 P.M.	.....	!1:45 P.M.	11:55 P.M.	12:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	z*1:45 P.M.	*1:50 P.M.	*2:01 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	*2:25 P.M.	*2:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o3:00 P.M.	o3:11 P.M.
o4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o3:50 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
o4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o5:10 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	z7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. $8.90
On sale June 2 to 7th, inclusive; limited returning midnight June 21st; limit extended to July 6th on payment 50c.
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On sale Feb. 24, 25th. Limited returning midnight, March 10th.
MACON, GA. $13.20
On sale March 17th to April 4th, inc. Limited returning midnight, April 10th.
NEW ORLEANS, LA. $28.75
On sale March 11, 12, 13; limited returning midnight March 21st.
WASHINGTON, D. C. $13.20
On sale March 1, 2, 3, 4, limited returning midnight March 10th; limit extended to April 10th on payment $1.00.
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6:45 A.M. Lv. Goldsboro Ar. 9:25 P.M.
7:40 A.M. Ar. Selma Lv. 8:33 P.M.
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PLAN FOR MOBILIZING NATION'S INDUSTRIES

Will be Considered by a Committee of One Hundred.

President Macy, of the Civic Federation, Points Out Need of Co-Ordination in View of Present Critical Situation.

New York, Feb. 25.—A tentative programme for mobilization of the "industrial and civilian activities" of the nation "in view of the critical situaton," will be outlined by a committee of one hundred National leaders of capital, labor, agriculture and organizations of citizens of foreign descent, it was announced here today by V. Everit Macy, president og the National Civic Federation.

The committee, which now is being appointed, will co-operate with the committee on industrial mobilization of the National Council of Defense. Its formation was authorized at the recent meeting in this city of the federation's executive council at which members of the defense council urged the necessity of co-ordinating civilian activities with those of the nation, states and municipalities.

"Concerted effort, poise and knowledge will be requisite to deal with the question of how far the government shall enter into private industry through the stress of war necessity," Mr. Macy said in a statement outlining the scope of the committee's program. "But it is the duty of American economists, business men, labor and agricultural leaders to take care that this is done and as an 'emergency war measure,' so to speak.

"In the event of war with the central powers this country would face problems never faced by any other country, growing out of the fact that thirty-three millions of its population are either foreign-born or of foreign or mixed parentage and that twenty-eight millions came from the countries now at war, many having transferred to our shores their hatreds and sympathies.

"These transplanted antagonisms will produce their own peculiar problems, the solution of which will call for understanding, tact and patience."

FREDERIK VIII MAY AGAIN PUT TO SEA TUESDAY NIGHT

Ship Bearing Bernstorff Party is Replenishing Her Bunkers.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—The work of replenishing the bunkers of the steamer Frederik VIII with former Ambassador von Bernstorff and a large party of Germans from the United States on board, was begun today. Although the authorities declined to make any statement as to when the steamer would be permitted to sail, for Copenhagen, it was said in quarters usually well informed, regarding the vessel, that the examination of passengers, cargo and baggage, which has been in progress since her arrival from New York on February 16, had been completed. It was reported that the vessel would leave next Tuesday night.

So far as could be learned tonight nothing of particular interest to the British authorities was found in the passengers' luggage.

REPORTS ORGANIZATION OF GERMAN-IRISH LEAGUE

London, Feb. 25. — A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam quotes a Berlin message as saying:

"The German-Irish League formed here recently has held its first meeting. General von Ludendorff, first quartermaster general, and Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, secretary of foreign affairs, sent congratulatory messages. The league aims at the promotion of relations between Germany and Ireland, and it will support all enterprises in this direction."

The Berlin dispatch adds, says the correspondent, that the formation of this league at this moment will be valuable encouragement for an American Irishman's league, and it also will prove to Irishmen in Ireland that they are not forgotten in Germany in these serious times.

British Steamer Sunk.

Paris, Feb. 25.—A communication issued tonight by the war office says: "Vessels sunk February 24-25, British steamer Dorothy, of 3,806 tons gross."

IF BACKACHY OR KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat Less Meat and Take a Glass of Salts to Flush Out Kidneys—Drink Plenty Water.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

CRITICISES U. S. FOR NOT JOINING WITH THE ALLIES

President Hibben, of Princeton, Says War Now a "Solemn Obligation"

New York, Feb. 25.—John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, speaking in a church here tonight, criticised the United States for what he termed its lack of "international conscience" in failing to join the entente allies against Germany, and declared America's entrance into the war was a "solemn obligation."

"We dismissed our German ambassador and we stand at the present time in readiness to war with Germany, yet, as a nation, are not prepared to go to war with any country, European or Asiatic, except, perhaps, China.

"Why are we so brave now? Let us be frank. There is only one reason and that is because we know the great British fleet stands between us and Germany at the present time.

"I do not wish to see Germany crushed, but I do wish that over this ambition of a world empire which Germany has had for the past forty years there should be written one word and that word is—failure."

ROOF OF HISTORIC EDIFICE DAMAGED BY HEAVY TRAFFIC

(Correspondence of Associated Press.

Aix-La-Chapelle, Feb. 1.—The constant procession of heavy automobile trucks past the famous Aix-la-Chapelle minster, has so shaken the historic structure that the roof, particularly the vault over the choir, threatens to fall inward.

The discovery of the precarious condition of the arched roof was made recently when the work of repainting the choir vault was undertaken. Careful investigation revealed that unless steps are taken immediately, irreparable damage may be done. The state has been appealed to to furnish the necessary funds, since the Charlemagne Society," which cames for the edifice and was arranging for the repainting of the choir, does not feel itself able to finance so serious an undertaking as the repair of the entire roof.

The repainting work has progressed far enough to reveal in the dome of the choir, covered over by layers of plaster, old paintings that apparently date from the 15th century. The cost of restoring them, howeve, will amount to $25,000 or more, which is considerable.

EQUIVALENT OF $80 PER TON IS PAID FOR COAL

Paris, Feb. 26.—The equivalent of $80 per ton for coal is perhaps the maximum reached during the present crisis in Paris. The coal delivery man, who extorted this price from a client in great need instead of delivering it to the customers who ordered it at the equivalent of $56 a ton, has been arrested.

Several other cartmen are under arrest for exploiting the high cost of living on their account in different ways. The case is reported of one coal dealer who made the equivalent of $2,500 profit on 100 tons of coal; he and another dealer who sold his product at a net profit of $14 per ton, are being prosecuted under the special law of April, 1916, against extortion.

WOMEN IN BRESLAU GIVEN THE POWERS OF POLICEMEN

Breslau, Germany, Feb. 25. — Breslau, in the face of the disapproval of most of the rest of Germany, has adopted in modified form the American "female policeman," or inspector of public morals. A number of Breslau women have volunteered their services as supervisors of the youth of the city, and hereafter will patrol the public streets and squares and keep watch on the boys and girls that congregate there. The women will have the powers of policemen, and will in addition be carefully watched themselves to see that they come to no harm in their unusual vocation.

MEXICANS TO STUDY U. S. SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION

Merida, Yucatan, Feb. 16.—General Salvador Alvarado, governor of Yucatan, has ordered the department of public instruction to send a committee of professors to the United States at once o study educational problems and sysems. It is also General Alvarado's intending to provide scholarships for a number of young men each year sending them to some institution of learned prohibitive at present. ing in the United States.

FRESH BREAD HEREAFTER TO BE A RARITY IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 25.—Diners in Paris restaurants were served last night with fancy bread, fresh from the ovens—the last they will get in all probability for a long time. Today only stale whole meal bread was on sale, in accordance with the new government regulation, which will prohibit night work in bakeries.

Mexican Financial Agency

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—By order of General Carranza, there will be established shortly in New York a Mexican financial agency which will be under direction of the department of finance and which will act as general agent in financial affairs of the Mexican government.

Neutrality is Expensive.

Stockholm, Feb. 25.—The cost of the "measures necessary to maintain Sweden's neutrality" last year was about $20,000,000, according to the official figures presented to the riksdag. It is expected that this sum will be slightly exceeded in 1917.

Peerage Left Without Heir

London, Feb. 25.—Another English peerage is left without heir by the death on the Laurentic of Lieutenant Alan de Blaquiere, only surviving son of Lord de Blaquiere. The elder son, John, fell in action in 1915.

Discuss Economic Situation

Vienna, Feb. 24 (via Amsterdam and London, Feb. 25).—An important meeting of Austrian and Hungarian ministers to discuss the economic situation of the dual monarchy was held here today. Premier Tisza, of Hungary, presided.

To Leave For Washington.

Mexico City, Feb. 25.—Ignacio Bonillas, who was recently appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States, expects to leave for Washington this week, accompanied by John B. Rojo, first secretary of the embassy.

Reformatories All Full.

London, Feb. 25.—Juvenile crime has increased to much an extent that there is not a single vacancy in any English refromatory.

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(advertisement.)

ISLANDERS UP IN ARMS OVER "GERMAN INVASION"

(Correspondence of Associated Press).

Edinburgh, Scotland, Feb. 1. — The people of the Isle of Skye and the neighboring islet of Raasay are up in arms over a German invasion of their territory and have appealed to the government in London to clear their Highland soil of the unwelcome visitors.

The trouble is due to the action of a local landowner who is employing a large number of German prisoners. The islanders alleged that the prisoners are being employed not because there is no local labor available, but because the local people will not accept the landowner's terms of payment.

The island of Rassay, which has a population of about four hundred, is owned by the family of a wealthy iron master, and at the southern end are iron mines. These have been extended since the war began, and are being worked at a much greater capacity than ever before.

Many of the islands have been employed in the mines at wages from 15 to 18 shillings a week, but some outside labor has always been necessary, as a considerable proportion of the islanders decline to work underground or are dissatisfied with the terms offered them.

THE PAPER DOLLAR.

How For Various Reasons, It Is Replacing the "Cart Wheel"

(From the St. Paul Dispatch.)

In the old days when we didn't have much money, but had muscular shoulders and wore stout jeans, we had no quarrel with the silver dollar. When we possessed money it was a comfort to jingle, to feel it weighing on our galluses. But since we have become prosperous we have put away our desire for the physical evidence of money. We want something that does not wear holes in our modern effete pockets. We want something which it does not make us round-shouldered to carry about.

And so has spread the custom of the $1 bill. The cartwheel was first banished from the East. Now it is possible to trade almost anywhere in St. Paul and get your $5 bill changed with paper ones. In the smaller towns, the towns of the frontier and the West, the ponderous coin, supported by the muscular shoulders, the stout jeans and the

But the demand for paper dollars is gradually carrying all before it. That is why the Treasury Department has decided to circulate a new issue of $1 and $2 grenbacks similar to those of Civil War days. And the day is coming when even the small boy will look with contempt upon the money that jingles but doesn't burn, the money that weighs on the shoulders and tests the fibre of the galluses.

ITALIANS ARE USING WOOD CHARCOAL DUST FOR FUEL

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Rome, February 27 — With coal selling at $60 a ton and the government gradually taking over all existing supplies and prohibiting its use by hotels and boarding houses, and with gas, electricity dear, or the supply reduced, Italian households and business offices have had to revert to the ancient method of burning finely powdered wood charcoal dust in a two-gallon earthen jar. The jar is filled half full of charcoal dust, placed in the open air or near an open window, and some live coals of wood or charcoal put in the center of the dust. Slow combustion is started and gradually the entire surface of the dust burns to ashes, while the smoldering fire reaches downward. When, after 12 hours, no more smoke or little gas is given off, the heated jar is placed in the cold room and let stay there for 24 hours, after which a fresh layer of dust is placed in the jar and the process repeated. Before the war this means of heating has been abandoned, except by the very poor.

INVITES TRANSFER OF THE REUNION TO MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 25. — Mayor R. T. Robertson has wired General George P. Harrison, commander-in-chief United Confederate Veterans, an invitation to transfer the Confederate reunion from Washington to Montgomery.

Call For Women Recruits.

London, Feb. 25.—The War Office has issued a hurry call for a thousand young women to enlist as cooks and waitresses for duty with various units in the army. The minimum age permitted is eighteen, and the pay is $130 a year with free uniforms, board, laundry, insurance, and railroad fare. The pay, as a matter of fact, is slightly less than that of the ordinary British private soldier. Women recruits must "sign on" for the duration of the war.

To Aid Orphans of Farmers.

Rome, Feb. 25.—Nearly a million dollars has so far been collected by the National Association for Helping the Orphans or Peasants Killed in the War. The object of the Association is to insure the farm education of these orphans so the farming race of the nation will not suffer too severly from the losses of the war.

Women As Officials.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—A bill has been submitted to the Prussian Chamber making women eligible for official positions in connection with municipalities. It is being opposed by the Conservatives and Centrists, who urge that if it is carried, women would eventually be eligible to become cabinet ministers, as in Denmark.

Will Bar Foreigners.

Christiania, Feb. 25.—A committee of the Storthing has requested the Norwegian government not to allow in future foreigners or foreign companies to acquire Norwegian waterfalls or water power.

Rice Substitutes Potatoes

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Potatoes were barred today from the menus in the county hospital on recommendation of the health commissioner. They were dropped from the bills of fare at the municipal sanitarium the preceding day. Rice will be substituted for potatoes at each institution.

Steamer Falson Sunk.

London, Feb. 25.—Lloyds reports the British steamer Falson sunk. The central News identifies the steamer as the Falcon, owned in Cardiff, of 2,243 tons gross and built in 1916. It says the survivors will be landed Monday.

—Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cole, of Gaston county, arrived in the city last night bringing with him T. W. Ward, who is alleged to have deserted from the National Guard in Arizona. He will be taken to Fort Caswell this morning.

DEFACTO GARRISON TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY VILLISTAS

Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 25.—Passengers arriving here tonight from Chihuahua City brought the first news of a raid upon Aldama, Chihuahua, thirty miles northeast of the state capital Friday. One hundred Villa troops charged into the little town surprising the garrison of twenty. After looting the Villa followers departed leaving two of their dead. The fate of the defacto garrison there was not known.

Prince's Son Volunteers.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—One of the first persons to volunteer for service under the new civil service law is the youngest son of Prince Friedrich Leopold, of Prussia, who because of his wealth has had to give up his position in the army. Since leaving the army he has been a student at the University of Munich, but has given up that work too in order to serve his country in some one of the many ways offered under the new law.

Currency Supply Short.

Calcutta, Feb. 25.—The pressing financial and commercial problem in India and neighboring countries is the shortage of currency. Ceylon is making an effort to provide the needed "small money" by the issue of paper money of denominations as low as two rupees(about 65 cents), as compared with the five rupee note, which is the lowest denomination of paper money in India.

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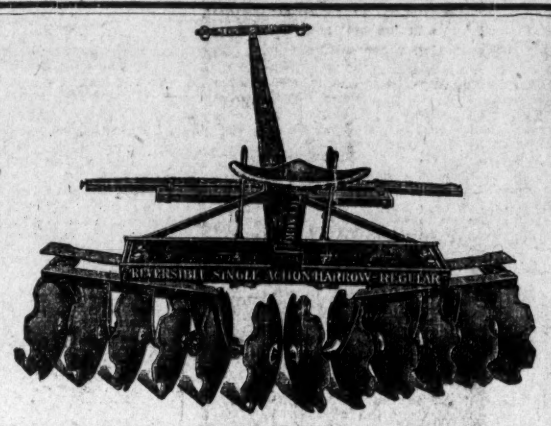

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